

Dutch Embrace Their New King

MIKE CORDER
TOBY STERLING
Associated Press

AMSTERDAM (AP)— Millions of Dutch people dressed in orange flocked to celebrations around the Netherlands Tuesday in honor of a once-in-a-generation milestone for the country's ruling House of Orange-Nassau: after a 33-year reign, Queen Beatrix abdicated



Dutch King Willem-Alexander, Queen Maxima, and their children Catharina-Amalia, Alexia, and Ariane are seen arriving for a party in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. (AP Photo/Daniel Ochoa de Olza)

in favor of her eldest son, Willem-Alexander. At 46, King Willem-Alexander is the youngest monarch in Europe and the first Dutch king in 123 years, since Willem III died in 1890. Like Beatrix before him, Willem-Alexander has assumed the throne at a time of social strains and economic malaise. Although the Dutch monarchy is largely ceremonial, he immediately staked out a course to preserve its relevance in the 21st century.

Continued on Page 2



A van carrying three college friends of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev drives away from the Moakley Federal Courthouse in Boston, Mass., Wednesday, May 1, 2013. Dias Kadyrbayev, Azamat Tazhayakov and Robel Phillipos were arrested and charged with removing a backpack containing hollowed-out fireworks from Tsarnaev's dorm room.

(AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

3 charged with hindering Boston attack inquiry

K. Q. SEELYE
M. S. SCHMIDT
W. K. RASHBAUM
© 2013 New York Times

BOSTON — Two onetime classmates of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the surviving suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings, were charged Wednesday with conspiring to obstruct justice and destroy evidence, accused of discarding a laptop and a backpack containing fireworks belonging to Tsarnaev. The men, Dias Kadyrbayev, 19, and Azamat Tazhayakov, 19, citizens of Kazakhstan who are in the United States on student visas, appeared in court Wednesday afternoon after having been arrested earlier in the day. They wore jeans and were in handcuffs. A third man, Robel Phillipos, 19, of Cambridge, Mass., who was also led into court in handcuffs, was charged

with lying to federal law enforcement officials about what they said was his role in disposing of the material. Two explosives detonated April 15 near the finish line of the marathon, killing three people and injuring more than 260 others. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, and his brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, are suspected of having set off the bombs. Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, was killed in a shootout with police, while Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was caught and charged with using a weapon of mass destruction. He was transferred last week from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, where he was being treated for multiple gunshot wounds, to a locked medical facility for male prisoners at Fort Devens in Massachusetts. The three men charged Wednesday began at-

tending the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth in 2011, at the same time as Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev had become particularly close to Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov, who would frequently visit his family members, an affidavit filed in the case said. Kadyrbayev told authorities he suspected that Dzhokhar Tsarnaev had been involved in the marathon bombings when he went to his friend's dorm room with the others three days after the attacks and noticed that several tubes that had previously contained fireworks had been emptied of their powder. Kadyrbayev said he had shown Tazhayakov, who, along with Phillipos, was with him at the time, a text message from Dzhokhar Tsarnaev saying, "I'm about to leave if you need

something in my room take it," the complaint said. In the room, they found a backpack containing "an emptied-out cardboard tube" that had previously contained fireworks and a jar of Vaseline that Kadyrbayev believed had been used "to make bombs," according to the affidavit, which was sworn out by Special Agent Scott P. Cieplik of the FBI. The men then took the backpack, the Vaseline and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's laptop to Phillipos' apartment. After they saw news reports that Tamerlan Tsarnaev had been killed, Kadyrbayev said he threw the backpack in the garbage, the complaint said, "because they did not want Tsarnaev to get into trouble."

Continued on Page 3

Netherlands embraces new King Willem-Alexander

Continued from front

"I want to establish ties, make connections and exemplify what unites us, the Dutch people," the freshly minted king said at a nationally televised investiture ceremony in Amsterdam's 600-year-old New Church, held before the combined houses of Dutch parliament.

"As king, I can strengthen the bond of mutual trust between the people and their government, maintain our democracy and serve the public interest." Hopes for the new monarch are high.

For most of the 2000s, the country was locked in an intense national debate over the perceived failure of Muslim immigrants, mostly from North Africa, to integrate. In response, politicians curtailed many of the famed Dutch tolerance policies.

More recently, this trading nation of 17 million has suffered back-to-back recessions. European Union figures released Tuesday showed Dutch unemployment spiking upward toward 6.4 percent.

That's below the EU average, but a 20-year high in the Netherlands.

"I am taking the job at a time when many in the kingdom feel vulnerable and uncertain," Willem-Alexander said. "Vulnerable in their work or health. Uncertain about their income or home environment."

Amsterdam resident Inge Bosman, 38, said she doubted Willem-Alexander's investiture would give the country much of an employment boost.

"Well, at least one person got a new job," she said.

Tellingly, one of Willem-Alexander's first diplomatic missions as king will be to visit the country's largest trading partner, Germany. While many are skeptical that the new king can make a difference where politicians have failed, the celebrations provided a welcome change from the humdrum of everyday life, and the popularity of the royal house itself is not

in doubt. A poll commissioned by national broadcaster NOS and published this week showed that 78 percent support the monarchy.

The royal couple has also been active in the global campaign to fight poverty. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon congratulated Willem-Alexander and praised the royal couple for supporting the promotion of clean water, sanitation

represents something that is both quintessentially Dutch, and above politics. "I think (Willem-Alexander) is just like his mum — honest, wants to do a lot for his people inside the country and also outside the country," said Ron Pols, who was attending celebrations in Amsterdam.

Willem Alexander's popularity has been steadily rising since his 2002 marriage to an Argentine common-

the constitution.

Earlier, the new king gripped his mother's hand and looked briefly into her eyes after they both signed the abdication document in the Royal Palace on Dam Square.

Beatrix appeared close to tears as she then appeared on a balcony decked out with tulips, roses and oranges, overlooking her subjects.

"I am happy and grateful

line to the throne.

At a sparsely attended anti-monarchist demonstration on the nearby Waterloo Square, protestors dressed in white instead of orange and carried signs mocking Willem-Alexander.

"Monarchy is a sexually-transmitted disease," one sign said.

"All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others," said another. It in-



Dutch King Willem-Alexander, Queen Maxima, and their children Catharina-Amalia, center, Alexia, right, and Ariane take a boat ride in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Tuesday April 30, 2013. Around a million people descended on the Dutch capital for the huge street party to celebrate the first new Dutch monarch in 33 years.

(AP Photo/Daniel Ochoa de Olza)

tion and development. The new king has chaired the secretary-general's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation.

Ban also paid tribute to Beatrix for her "outstanding public service" and "for the important and positive force the Netherlands has been throughout her reign, in promoting international law, the rule of law and peaceful settlement of disputes."

Most say that the House of Orange-Nassau, which was instrumental in the Dutch war for independence in the 16th and 17th centuries, is a cornerstone of the national identity. It

er, Maxima Zorreguieta.

In an interview shortly before his accession, Willem-Alexander turned in a relaxed performance, saying he will not be a "protocol fetishist," but a king who puts his people at ease.

Around 25,000 supporters thronged Amsterdam's central Dam Square Tuesday, hoping to catch a glimpse of the new king or the departing 75-year-old queen, now known as Princess Beatrix.

Millions more watched on television as King Willem-Alexander, wearing a fur-trimmed ceremonial mantle, swore an oath of allegiance to the country and

to introduce to you your new king, Willem-Alexander," she told the cheering crowd, which chanted: "Bea bedankt!" ("Thanks Bea.")

Moments later, the generational shift was enacted symbolically.

Beatrix left the balcony as King Willem-Alexander, his wife and three daughters — the children in matching yellow dresses and headbands — waved to the crowd.

The highly popular Maxima became Queen Maxima, and their eldest of three daughters, Catharina-Amalia, became the Princess of Orange, the first in

cluded a picture of a pig wearing a crown, with a line crossing it out.

Amsterdammer Jan Dikkers said he attended to show his disapproval for a hereditary head of state, and Willem-Alexander in particular, who he said Dutch people only accept because "people like his wife."

He added that Beatrix is overrated.

"People say the queen did a 'good job', but she didn't really do any job," Dikkers said.

One criticism of the royal house is that it is too expensive, especially in difficult economic times. □

Security casts shadow over Obama's Mexico trip

JULIE PACE

AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is seeking to refocus economic relations between the U.S. and Mexico, even as fresh questions about security cooperation threaten to cast a shadow over the president's visit to the southern neighbor. Obama also will use his three-day trip, which begins Thursday and includes a stop in Costa Rica, to highlight the immigration overhaul moving through Congress, both for an audience in Latin America and for those back home in the U.S.

The president is scheduled to arrive Thursday afternoon in Mexico City for meetings with President Enrique Peña Nieto and members of Mexico's business community. Since taking office in December, Peña Nieto has moved to end the widespread access it gave U.S. security agencies helping fight drug trafficking and organized crime. The changes mark a dramatic shift from the policies of Peña Nieto's predecessor, Felipe Calderon, who was lauded by the U.S. for boosting cooperation between the two countries as he led an aggressive attack on Mexico's drug cartels.

The White House has tried to play down a potential rift, with officials emphasizing Mexico has kept the U.S. informed about the changes. Obama on Tuesday said he would wait to hear directly from his Mexican counterpart before assessing the changes. Despite the intense focus on security issues, Obama advisers say the president will try to show that the ties between the two countries are broader than the drug wars that defined the relationship in recent years. "Security has been so front-and-center in the public discussion of the U.S.-Mexico relationship that lost in that is the enormous commercial relationship between the two countries,"

said Ben Rhodes, Obama's deputy national security adviser.

Obama is expected to call for the U.S. and Mexico to deepen trade ties to promote job creation on both sides of the border. However, he is not expected to announce any major new economic initiatives.

Mexico was the second-largest export market for U.S. goods in 2011, according to the office of the U.S. trade representative. U.S. trade with Mexico totaled \$500 billion in 2011.

White House aides say they also see strengthening Mexico's economy as a way to address one of the root causes of much of the illegal immigration to the U.S.

Rhodes said the U.S. expects Peña Nieto and other regional leaders to be largely supportive of the immigration overhaul being debated in Congress, which includes provisions to strengthen security at the 2,000-mile (3,220-kilometer) long border with Mexico.

However, Carl Meacham,

a former senior Latin America adviser on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the U.S. immigration effort is viewed with

at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Getting Mexico's buy-in, particularly on border security, could help Obama



President Barack Obama answers questions during his new conference in the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House in Washington. The president aims to assure Latin America that the U.S. is serious about immigration reform when he travels to Mexico and Costa Rica, beginning Thursday.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

"skepticism and confusion" in the region.

"They've been brought to the altar so many times by different American administrations that there's a bit of a lack of trust," said Meacham, who now works

sell the immigration overhaul in the U.S., particularly to wary Republicans. Republican lawmakers have long insisted the U.S. must focus its efforts on securing the border before addressing the legal status of

the more than 11 million immigrants in the country illegally.

The immigration bill being debated in the Senate would strengthen border security, allow tens of thousands of new high- and low-skilled workers into the country, require all employers to check their workers' legal status and provide an eventual path to citizenship for most of the immigrants in the U.S. illegally.

More than half of the immigrants in the U.S. illegally are from Mexico, according to the Pew Research Center.

Following a speech Friday to Mexican entrepreneurs, Obama will travel to Costa Rica, his first visit as president to the Central American nation. In addition to meetings with Costa Rican President Laura Chinchilla, Obama will attend a gathering of leaders from the Central American Integration system. The regional network also includes the leaders of Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. □

3 charged with hindering Boston attack inquiry

Continued from front

Phillippos, prosecutors say, initially lied to investigators about whether any items had been removed from the dorm room, although he later acknowledged telling Kadyrbayev to "do what you have to do" in response to a question about what should be done with the backpack. The backpack, according to the criminal complaint, contained "seven red tubular fireworks, approximately 6 to 8 inches in length."

The backpack, which also contained a homework assignment sheet from a class in which Dzhokhar Tsarnaev had been enrolled, was eventually located by investigators at a nearby landfill in New Bedford, Mass., the complaint said. The complaint does not specify if the laptop



This courtroom sketch signed by artist Jane Flavell Collins shows defendants Dias Kadyrbayev, left, and Azamat Tazhayakov appearing in front of Federal Magistrate Marianne Bowler at the Moakley Federal Courthouse in Boston, Mass., Wednesday, May 1, 2013.

(AP Photo/Jane Flavell Collins)

was recovered. The university said Wednesday that neither Kadyr-

bayev nor Phillippos was currently enrolled there and that Tazhayakov, who is a

current student, had been suspended pending the outcome of the case. □

Immigration debate animates May rallies

**ELLIOT SPAGAT
RAQUEL DILLON
Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Demonstrators demanded an overhaul of U.S. immigration laws Wednesday in an annual nationwide ritual that carried a special sense of urgency as Congress considers sweeping legislation that would bring many of the estimated 11 million people living in the U.S. illegally out of the shadows. May Day rallies were planned in dozens of cities from New York to Bozeman, Montana.

"The invisible become visible on May 1," said Angelica Salas, executive director of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, which organized what was expected to be the nation's largest rally.

The crowds were not expected to approach the massive demonstrations of 2006 and 2007, during the last serious attempt to introduce major changes to the U.S. immigration system. Despite the large turnouts, many advocates of less strict immigration laws felt they were outmaneuvered by opponents who flooded congressional offices with phone calls and faxes at the behest of conservative talk-radio hosts. Immigration reform gained little traction in Congress

during President Barack Obama's first term, but the November election brought some opposition Republicans to the issue after they watched the growing number of Hispanic voters overwhelm-

speakers with a personal stake in the debate. Kristela Hernandez, 21, said she feared separating from her U.S.-born children if her work visa expires. "I came here for better opportunities for me and now

the rallies to a labor dispute with a restaurant in the Los Angeles Koreatown neighborhood that drew several hundred demonstrators in 2000. Crowds grew each year until the House of Representatives



Marchers participate during a May Day rally in downtown Los Angeles, Wednesday, May 1, 2013. In celebration of May Day thousands have gathered for an immigration reform rally in downtown. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

ingly side with Obama and Democrats.

A bill now being crafted in the Senate would strengthen border security, allow tens of thousands of new high- and low-skilled workers into the country, require all employers to check workers' legal status and provide an eventual path to citizenship for immigrants now in the country illegally. Many rallies featured

my children," Hernandez told about 100 people outside the Statehouse in New Hampshire. "I'm here to work and to get an education."

The May Day rallies, which coincide with Labor Day in many countries outside the U.S., often have big showings from labor leaders and elected officials.

Salas, whose group is known as CHIRLA, dates

passed a tough bill against illegal immigration, sparking a wave of enormous, angry protests from coast to coast in 2006.

In Oregon on Wednesday Gov. John Kitzhaber was cheered by about 2,000 people on the Capitol steps as he signed a bill to allow people living in the western state without proof of legal status to obtain drivers licenses. □

Trial highlights financial woes of Jackson doc

**LINDA DEUTSCH
Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The doctor convicted of involuntarily killing Michael Jackson was in the spotlight again Wednesday as a lawyer for Jackson's mother tried to show the physician's desperate financial situation drove him to extremes in his treatment of the superstar.

Attorney Brian Panish hammered away at the depths of debt that enveloped Conrad Murray when he agreed to give Jackson what he wanted — infusions of the powerful anesthetic propofol to make him sleep.

The pop star offered Murray \$150,000 a month to travel with him on his ill-fated "This Is It" concert tour. AEG Live LLC, the concert promoter, reluctantly agreed, according to testimony in the doctor's criminal case by AEG executives. Panish used the testimony of police detective Orlando Martinez to suggest that if AEG had investigated Murray's background, it would have found a man so encumbered by debt that he was not trustworthy. The testimony came during the trial of the negligence lawsuit filed by Katherine Jackson claiming AEG didn't properly investigate the doctor who gave her son a lethal dose of propofol. The company denies wrongdoing. Murray is not a party to the high-stakes court contest. He is serving a four-year prison term for involuntary manslaughter. AEG attorneys said they intend to call him as a witness. A coroner ruled that the 50-year-old star died of the overdose of propofol in his bed on June 25, 2009, while under Murray's care. The drug was not intended for home use.

Martinez, who was lead investigator on Jackson's death, said he discovered that Murray faced student loans, home loans, child support obligations and credit card payments that were in arrears in 2009. Panish said the debts totaled nearly \$1 million. □

US tribe faces ultimatum on sale of massacre site

**KRISTI EATON
Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, South Dakota (AP) — Tribal members say the man who owns a piece of the Wounded Knee National Historic Landmark on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is trying to profit from their suffering, asking nearly \$5 million for two tracts of land with an assessed value of less than \$14,000.

It was there, on Dec. 29, 1890, that 300 Native American men, women and children were killed by the 7th Cavalry in the final battle of the American Indian Wars. James Czywczynski, whose family has owned the property since 1968, is trying to

sell the 40-acre (16-hectare) fraction of the historic landmark and another 40-acre parcel for \$4.9 million (16-hectare). He has given the Oglala Sioux Tribe until Wednesday to agree to the price, after which he will open it up to outside investors.

Oglala Sioux tribal president Bryan Brewer told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the tribe does not have the money to buy the land and that, even if it did, tribal members shouldn't have to buy back something that is theirs.

"We are hoping no one will buy this land. And I'd like to tell investors that if someone thinks they can

go down there and commercialize this, it will never happen. We will not allow it," he said.

Czywczynski did not return repeated calls from The Associated Press by Wednesday evening to see whether outside investors are now able to bid for the land. Earlier this month he told the AP he had three offers from West Coast-based investment groups interested in buying the land for the original asking price.

The ultimatum has caused anger among many tribal members and descendants of the massacre victims. "I know we are at the 11th hour, but selling this massacre site and using

the victims as a selling pitch is, for lack of a better word, it's grotesque," said Nathan Blindman, 56, whose grandfather was 10 when he survived the massacre. "To use the murdered children, the murdered teenagers, the unborn, women screaming and running for their lives, using that as a selling pitch ... that has got to be the most barbaric thing ever to use as a selling pitch."

Czywczynski acknowledges the historical significance adds value to each parcel of land, which have each been appraised at less than \$7,000 apiece, according to records reviewed by the AP. □

5-year-old kills sister with gun he got as a gift

TRAVIS LOLLER
Associated Press

BURKESVILLE, Kentucky
(AP) —

Stephanie Sparks paid little attention as her 5-year-old son played with the rifle he was given last year. Then, as she briefly stepped outside while cleaning the kitchen, "she heard the gun go off," a coroner said.

In a horrific accident Tuesday that shocked a rural area far from the U.S. debate over gun control, the boy, Kristian, killed his 2-year-old sister, Caroline, with a single shot to the chest.

"Down in Kentucky where we're from, you know, guns are passed down from generation to generation," Cumberland County Coroner Gary White said. "You start at a young age with guns for hunting and everything."

The rifle was made by a company that sells guns specifically for children — "My first rifle" is the slogan — in colors ranging to hot pink and multi-color swirls. The boy's rifle was kept in a corner of the mobile home, and the family didn't realize a bullet had been left in it.

The shooting highlights a cultural divide over gun control, which again became a top issue after 20 young children and six adults were shot dead at a Connecticut school in December. It's not uncommon for youths in rural areas to own guns for target practice and hunting.

Local newspapers feature photos of children proudly displaying their kills, including turkey and deer.

"It's a normal way of life, and it's not just rural Kentucky, it's rural America — hunting and shooting and sport fishing. It starts at an early age," said Cumber-

land County Judge Executive John Phelps. "There's probably not a household in this county that doesn't have a gun."

A package of gun control measures proposed by President Barack Obama after the December school shooting has largely failed so far in Congress, with lawmakers pressured by vocal gun owners and the National Rifle Association gun lobby.

Phelps said it had been four or five years since there had been a shooting death in the county.

"The whole town is heartbroken," Phelps said of Burkesville, a farming community of 1,800.

Family friend Logan Wells said he received a frantic call telling him that the little girl was in an accident and to come quickly.

When he got to the hospital, she was already dead. "She passed just when I got there," Wells said.

White said the shooting had been ruled accidental. A police spokesman said it was unclear whether any charges will be filed.

"I think it's too early to say whether there will or won't be," Trooper Billy Gregory said.

White said the boy received the .22-caliber rifle as a gift, but it wasn't clear who gave him the gun, which is known as a Crickett.

"It's a little rifle for a kid. ... The little boy's used to shooting the little gun," White said.

The company that makes the rifle, Keystone Sporting Arms, has a "Kids Korner" on its website with pictures of young boys and girls at shooting ranges and on bird and deer hunts. It says the company produced 60,000 Crickett and Chipmunk rifles for kids in 2008.

Keystone also makes guns for adults, but most of its products are geared toward children, including

that hunting and shooting activities require and deserve," the website said. No one at the compa-

cifically for children was "mind-boggling."

"It's like, oh, my God," she said, "we're having a big



A home in Cumberland County, Ky, is seen on May 1, 2013, where a 2-year-old girl was shot by her 5-year-old brother with a gun designed for children. Investigators say the Tuesday shooting was accidental. (AP Photo/Dylan Lovan)

bright orange vests and hats.

"The goal of KSA is to instill gun safety in the minds of youth shooters and encourage them to gain the knowledge and respect

ny answered the phone Wednesday.

Sharon Rengers, a long-time child advocate at Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville, said making and marketing weapons spe-

national debate whether we want to check somebody's background, but we're going to offer a 4-year-old a gun and expect something good from that?"

AURA CASINO

LIVE POKER

LIVE ACTION GAMES

DAILY TOURNAMENTS AT 8PM

Nightly **FREE Bingo @9:30pm** Win up to \$1000.
DAILY BINGO ON SUN-WED-FRI. FOR ONLY \$6
WIN CASH PRIZES AND MORE....

Hold-Em and Omaha Pot Limit
SPORTS BOOK OPEN DAILY:

Monday and Tuesday open from 11am - 11pm
Wednesday to Sunday open from 11am - 1am

\$10 MATCH PLAY

AURA CASINO

TEN DOLLARS MATCH PLAY AT THE AURA CASINO LOCATED AT THE OCCIDENTAL GRAND ARUBA

ALL SPORTS & ALL MAJOR TRACKS AVAILABLE

Be There!
We are more pleased to have you!
AURA Casino • J.E. Irausquin Blvd. 83
Occidental Casino Aruba
Phone: 586-0705 ext: 322
E-mail: info@thecasinoaruba.com

OCCIDENTAL GRAND
ARUBA

BENLO CIGARS

Import & Export • We ship all over the world • Tel.: 5863555
Located in the Arowak Garden, next to Salt & Pepper, Paparazzi and Tango Restaurant.

We are specialized in premium Cuban Cigars.
Opening hours: Mon. - Sat. 8:30am - 11:00pm
Sunday 9:00am - 11:00pm

Depending on purchase, we have discounts starting from 5% up to 20%.
With purchase of \$20 or more 1 FREE CIGAR

Bring this coupon for your free Cuban Cigar!

1st Chinese automaker in U.S. set to open plants

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LANCASTER, California (AP)

— The first Chinese-owned vehicle manufacturer in the United States unveiled ambitious plans Wednesday to eventually build as many as 1,000 plug-in electric buses a year at a refurbished RV manufacturing plant in a wind-swept, sage-dotted corner of the Mojave Desert.

In a news conference on a patio outside BYD's new energy-efficient production facility, the company's senior vice president, Stella Li, said the first of 10 zero-pollution vehicles, already on order from the city of Long Beach, should roll off the assembly line next year. Within two years, Li said, BYD Motors expects to be producing 50 buses a year, and it will continue to ramp up production, hoping to reach the plant's capacity of 1,000 buses a year within a decade or two.

All the buses will be powered by the company's own iron-phosphate batteries, which will be manufactured at another plant near the bus factory in Lancaster, 60 miles (100 kilometers) east of Los Angeles. BYD is the world's largest

manufacturer of rechargeable batteries.

"Today is a very special day for us," Li said. "Today marks the first time a Chinese vehicle company opens a vehicle manufacturing plant in the United States."

She said after the news conference that BYD has invested more than \$10 million in the two plants, declining to give a more specific figure. When the vehicle plant reaches full production, she said, it could employ as many as 1,000 people.

BYD's North American headquarters in Los Angeles currently employs about 40 people but will also grow as bus production does, Li said. She expects it will add engineers and people employed in marketing, distribution, and research and development.

Since it was founded with 20 employees in 1995, BYD Co. Ltd., has grown to employ 150,000 people across China and in offices in Europe, Japan, South Korea, India, Taiwan, Hong Kong and elsewhere. Among its investors is U.S. billionaire Warren Buffett.

The company, which got into the automobile busi-



Mayor R. Rex Parris of Lancaster, Calif., and Stella Li, president of BYD Motors, take a demonstration ride on an electric bus at the announcement of the opening of an electric bus manufacturing plant by the Chinese firm BYD, in the Southern California city of Lancaster Wednesday, May 1, 2013. BYD, known as Build Your Dream, is a major producer of batteries and electric vehicles in China.

(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

ness 10 years ago, has been looking to expand into the U.S. market for some time. Although China has surpassed the U.S. as the world's largest auto market, Chinese manufacturers have seen domestic sales inhibited by the popularity of cars from the United

States and Japan, and they've been looking to expand elsewhere.

"It's well known that Chinese manufacturers have been eyeing the North American market for years," said U.S. auto industry analyst Michael Robinet, managing director of IHS

Automotive in Northville, Michigan. "It's probably the most important market from their perspective," he said.

But Robinet said it's not an easy one to crack, thanks to the need to establish a dealership network, fluctuations in international

Judge gives major break in GM theft case

ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — A former General Motors engineer convicted of stealing thousands of pages of hybrid technology was sentenced Wednesday to just a year and a day in prison, far below the punishment sought by the government in a case that involved her husband and an alleged scheme to take the trade secrets to China.

Shanshan Du's right arm and right leg shook as she tearfully expressed remorse. U.S. District Judge Marianne Battani said economic espionage is a serious crime, but she also noted Du's health problems and the seven-year length of the investigation and trial.

Federal guidelines called

for a minimum sentence of 6½ years for Du and husband Yu Qin, but those guidelines aren't mandatory. Qin was sentenced to three years in prison.

"This is all my fault, and I want to take full responsibility. I'm sorry this all happened. ...

I'm ashamed," Qin told the judge.

Du, 54, was convicted last fall of conspiracy and possessing trade secrets without approval. Qin, 52, was found guilty of the same crimes, along with fraud and obstruction of justice.

The government accused Du of seeking a transfer within GM to get access to hybrid technology and said she began copying documents by the end of 2003. She copied thousands of records in 2005, five days

after getting a severance offer from the automaker. By that summer, Qin was telling people he had a deal to provide hybrid technology to a GM competitor in China and had set up his own company, Millennium Technology International, the government said. The information, however, didn't make it overseas.

"Sorry. Again, I made wrong decisions. That caused me this suffering," Du said in court.

Du's health problems in the last few years have included cancer, shingles, depression and anxiety. She told a mental health expert that the FBI raid on her suburban Detroit home in 2006 had rekindled awful memories of oppression by the Chinese government

during her childhood.

Du and Qin entered the United States in 1984 and have master's degrees.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Cathleen Corken asked for at least 6½ years in prison for the pair. She told the judge that Du didn't deserve a "slap on the wrist" for her "vital" and "central" role in stealing GM documents.

"This is not outdated technology," Corken said. "GM continues to use this technology in hybrid vehicles." A 366-day sentence allows Du to shave months off for good behavior, meaning her actual time in prison could be only nine or 10 months.

In a letter to Battani, GM wanted the maximum punishment, eight years under the guidelines. □

currency and the volatility and competitiveness of the market itself. So it makes sense that BYD would try to gain a foothold by building its vehicles on American soil as a means of controlling price and quality, he said.

At one point, BYD, which stands for Build Your Dreams, had hoped to introduce its e6 model electric passenger cars to the U.S. by 2010, but has since pushed back those plans. Li said after Wednesday's news conference that the company still hopes to eventually market the cars to taxi fleets in the U.S., but she couldn't provide a timeline.

"My plan is 10-year, 20-year," she said of expansion plans, before adding with a laugh: "My target is as soon as possible. My target is I wish we could do it tomorrow." □

U.S. Financial Front:

Fed keeps stimulus, says taxes and cuts have hurt

MARTIN CRUTSINGER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve cautioned America's political leaders Wednesday that their policies are hurting the economy.

The Fed stood by its aggressive efforts to stimulate the economy and reduce unemployment. But it sent its clearest signal to date

ment indicated that Fed officials are also open to expanding the bond buying if the economy needs it. The Fed's statement signaled its concern about a Social Security tax increase, which took effect Jan. 1, and deep government spending cuts, which began taking effect March 1. The across-the-board spending cuts took

Ben Bernanke argued at a Fed conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, that Congress should do more to stimulate hiring and growth. Since then, Congress hasn't joined the Fed in trying to stimulate growth. Instead, congressional leaders have focused on deficit reduction and allowed tax increases and spending cuts to take

peared to cause little response in the stock market, which fell sharply on signs of a slowdown in hiring and manufacturing and weak earnings reports from some major companies. The Dow Jones industrial average sank 138 points, or nearly 1 percent.

Debate among Fed policymakers at their previous meeting in March had led some economists to speculate that the Fed might scale back its bond purchases if job growth accelerated. But several reports in recent weeks have suggested that the economy might be weakening. Employers added only 88,000 jobs in March, far fewer than the 220,000 averaged in the previous four months.

On Friday, economists expect the government to report that employers added about 160,000 jobs in April. And the economy grew at an annual rate of 2.5 percent in the January-March quarter — a decent growth rate but one that's expected to weaken in coming months because of the higher Social Security taxes and federal spending cuts. At the same time, consumer inflation as measured by the gauge the Fed most closely monitors remains well below its 2 percent target. That gauge rose just 1 percent in the 12 months that ended in March. Low inflation gives the Fed room to keep interest rates low without igniting price increases. □



A video screen on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange shows the interest rate decision of the Federal Reserve, Wednesday, May 1, 2013. The Fed maintained its plan to keep short-term interest rates at record lows at least until unemployment falls to 6.5 percent from its current 7.6 percent.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

that tax increases and spending cuts that kicked in this year are slowing the economy.

"Fiscal policy is restraining economic growth," the Fed said in a statement after a two-day policy meeting.

The Fed maintained its plan to keep short-term interest rates at record lows at least until unemployment falls to 6.5 percent. And it said it will continue to buy \$85 billion a month in Treasury and mortgage bonds. The bond purchases are intended to keep long-term borrowing costs down and encourage borrowing and spending.

The minutes of the previous policy meeting in March showed that many Fed officials were open to reducing the bond purchases before year's end, so long as the economy improved. But Wednesday's state-

effect automatically after Congress failed to reach a budget deal.

Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors, said he viewed the Fed's more forceful remarks on the issue as criticism of Congress' fiscal policies.

"The Fed noted that the private economy is pushing ahead, but it is the government that is putting roadblocks in the way," Naroff said. "That was as clear a shot at Congress as I have seen the Fed take." Paul Edelstein, director of financial economics at IHS Global Insight, said the Fed's point that fiscal policy is restraining the economy was a reminder to investors "that flexibility runs in both directions."

"If conditions deteriorate, the Fed will do more," Edelstein said.

Two years ago, Chairman

effect.

In its statement Wednesday, the Fed made clear that it could increase or decrease its bond purchases depending on the performance of the job market and inflation.

David Jones, chief economist at DMJ Advisors, said that in saying it could increase or decrease its bond purchases, the Fed wants to show flexibility: It's ready to respond, whether the economy improves or weakens significantly.

"I think the Fed is in a wait-and-see mode, like the rest of us," Jones said.

Jones said he expects no change in the level of bond purchases until September or later. The Fed wants time to see whether the economy can grow fast enough to drive sustained improvement in the job market, he said.

The Fed's statement ap-

CELEBRATING OUR
5TH
ANNIVERSARY

The RAT PACK Tribute

Dean Martin *Sammy Davis Jr.* *Frank Sinatra*

FEATURING
MICHELANGELO & TRIO

PLATED 4-COURSE DINNER
\$75.00*

MONDAY
MAY 6TH 2013 | 6:00 PM

*Advanced reservations required
15% service charge not included.

ARUBA MARRIOTT | 520 6600 | RUTHSCHRIS.COM

N.H. senator finds her vote on gun bill is a hot topic



Caleb Brown, 15, puts up a sign supporting Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) outside his house in Warren, N.H., April 30, 2013.

(Jacob Hannah/The New York Times)

JEREMY W. PETERS

© 2013 New York Times

WARREN, N.H. — It was 45 minutes into Sen. Kelly Ayotte's town hall-style meeting here Tuesday, and the local Republican official screening question topics had allowed just one query on gun control. A few in the crowd of about 150 started to get agitated.

"You like to regulate that," shouted Eric Knuffke, 72, a resident of nearby Wentworth who rose to complain about the way speakers were being cherry-picked, "but you don't want to regulate guns."

The outburst reflected how central Ayotte, the first-term New Hampshire Republican, is to the resurgent debate over gun control. As one of the senators who two weeks ago helped scuttle a bill that would have imposed a new standard for background checks, she has become a focus of gun control supporters looking to persuade a handful of senators to switch their votes.

With lawmakers back home for the first time since the defeat of the gun legislation backed by President Barack Obama, the experience of Ayotte is being watched by both sides in the debate.

In an effort to settle the room down, Ayotte turned

to Erica Lafferty, whose mother was one of the 27 people who died in the shootings in Newtown, Conn. Lafferty, 27, asked the senator about a previous remark that background checks could burden gun stores. "I'm just wondering," she said, her back stiffening, "why the burden of my mother being gunned down in the halls of her elementary school isn't as important."

The senator, her hoarse voice growing soft, said, "Erica, certainly let me first say, obviously, I'm so sorry." But her position on new gun laws, she explained, had not changed. "As you and I both know, the issue wasn't a background check system issue in Sandy Hook. Mental health, I hope, is the one thing we can agree on going forward."

Gun control supporters focusing on a handful of Republican senators from Alaska to Arizona to Nevada see Ayotte as a natural if reluctant ally and are pushing her hard to flip. Second Amendment rights groups, meanwhile, are working to keep her where she is. Gun rights advocates need point no further than to Dick Swett, whose story still haunts New Hampshire politics after 20 years.

Swett was a third-term Democratic congressman

from the state when he cast one of the deciding votes for the 1994 federal ban on assault weapons. He would never see a fourth term.

"It was the worst experience of my life," Swett said, recalling the furious campaign carried out against him. He received death threats and started wearing a bulletproof vest.

Organizing for Action, Obama's nationwide political organization, and other left-leaning advocacy groups, are helping to recruit people to rallies

across the state and urging them to show up in protest at Ayotte's town meetings this week. Lafferty was part of that effort Tuesday.

It is unclear whether Ayotte will yield to pressure or continue, as she and her supporters have so far, to write it off as noise kicked up by a well-organized coalition of liberal groups.

Through a spokesman, she declined a request for an interview. Though her office organized a series of town meetings across the state this week, it barely publicized them. On her way out of the meeting here, she ignored reporters' questions. Ayotte has powerful allies in state and national gun owners' groups, two of which are running ads countering the message coming from gun control advocates.

"Kelly Ayotte is not just a senator," says a woman in one radio spot from the National Rifle Association's New Hampshire chapter. "She's also a mom who cares about protecting our kids. She knows the only way to prevent tragedies like Sandy Hook is to fix our broken mental health system." Another radio ad from the National Shooting Sports Foundation urges residents of this proudly libertarian state to call their senator and express grati-

tude, as it jabs at Bloomberg as "a big city mayor who thinks he knows what's best for the rest of us."

Gun control has never been an easy sell in this state, where low crime and small government are prized. "We don't have the large number of those types of crimes, so therefore it's not on our front burner all the time," said Russell Lary, a former police chief for the town of Grantham and, like many current and former law enforcement officials in New Hampshire, an Ayotte supporter.

Ayotte is for now resisting expanding background checks while talking with Sen. Kirsten E. Gillibrand, D-N.Y., about legislation that would create a federal gun trafficking statute.

Yet there is precedent for a Republican New Hampshire senator having a change of heart on gun control. Judd Gregg, whom Ayotte succeeded in 2011, initially voted against the assault weapons ban in 1994. He supported it 10 years later when it came up for renewal, though it ultimately never became law.

Gregg, who won re-election after that 2004 vote, said he doubted that Ayotte would suffer for her stance, especially given solid law enforcement credentials. □



From left: Betsy Phillips, Erica Lafferty, whose mother was one of the 27 people who died in the shootings in Newtown, Conn., and Karen Fesler protest against Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) outside the Warren Town Hall in Warren, N.H., April 30, 2013.

(Jacob Hannah/The New York Times)



THE PELICAN NEST
Bar & Seafood Grill

"For the ultimate... Sunset Dinner experience"...

Present this ad & enjoy a **FREE CEVICHE** per coupe with your 3 course meal.

The best of Palm Beach, located on the Caribbean Ocean amid turquoise waters and fresh sunny breezes. The menu offers an impressive selection of fresh Seafood, International dishes, a relaxing atmosphere, exclusive seating for dinner and the option while to feed the fish.

Located between Holiday Inn and Playa Linda Resort • www.pelican-aruba.com



For reservation call:
5862259

Syria's Assad in rare visit as rockets hit capital

JAMAL HALABY
Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Syrian President Bashar Assad made a rare public appearance at a Damascus power station on Wednesday, while two bombs exploded near the city center, killing one and wounding over two dozen people, Syria's state news agency reported.

Footage of the visit broadcast on state television showed Assad chatting casually with a group of employees, two days after his prime minister narrowly escaped assassination by an explosion and a day after another major bombing in the capital took the lives of at least 14. SANA said a 10-year-old boy was killed and 28 people wounded, some seriously, in Wednesday's attack, when bombs went off in Khaled Bin Walid street and the nearby Bab Mesalla square. It said the bombs were planted by "terrorists," a term the gov-

ernment uses to describe rebels fighting to topple the Syrian leader.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the Bab Mesalla explosion was near a police station and came from rocket fire. It said the blast left casualties but did not have figures on dead or wounded. It also said that several people, including children, were wounded in the explosion in Khaled Bin Walid street.

Police had sealed off Bab Mesalla, which has restaurants, shops and a main public transportation station linking Damascus with the southern provinces of Daraa and Sweida, the Observatory added.

In the capital's western neighborhood of Mazzeh, two people were killed when a bomb attached to a bicycle went off, SANA said. On Monday, a bomb exploded as Prime Minister Wael Halqi's convoy drove by in the same neighbor-



In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, President Bashar Assad, center right, visits the Umayyad Electrical Station on May Day, a day after a powerful bomb hit the capital. in Damascus, Syria, Wednesday, May 1, 2013. (AP Photo/SANA)

hood.

Assad's visit to the Umayyad Electrical Station in the Tishrin Park district came on International Workers Day, or May Day. State TV showed the Syrian leader, confident and wearing a dark business suit, addressing the station's staff and

later shaking their hands. Similar still images also appeared on a page used by the Syrian presidency on the popular social network Facebook.

"They want to scare us,

we will not be scared ... They want us to live underground, we will not live underground," Assad told a group of workers who had gathered around him. "We hope that by this time next year we will have overcome the crisis in our country," he said.

Tuesday's blast was the second in the heart of the capital in two days. Rebels seeking to topple Assad have been trying to create a supply line from Jordan, so that arms bought by Saudi Arabia and Qatar can be shipped in for assaults on the city they hope to capture.

Meanwhile, the Egypt-based Syrian National Coalition rebuked the leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group, in its first public response a day after he said that Syrian rebels will not be able to defeat Assad's regime militarily. □

Russia:

Bomb in Dagestan province kills 2

ARSEN MOLLAYEV
Associated Press

MAKHACHKALA, Russia (AP) — A bomb exploded Wednesday in a busy shopping area in the capital of Russia's restive republic of Dagestan, killing at least two people, police said.

Two teenage boys who tried to open a cardboard box left near a store were killed when the bomb inside went off, police said.

The explosion in the city of Makhachkala also wounded an undetermined number of people, said a spokeswoman for the republic's Interior Ministry, Fatina Ubaidatova. She had

no further details about the bomb. Islamic insurgents frequently mount attacks on police and Russian security forces in Dagestan, with bombs often placed in cars or along roads.

Wednesday's explosion, however, may have been intended to frighten the owner of the store and force him to pay protection money, Russia's National Anti-Terrorism Committee said in a statement.

The owner of the store, which sells construction and electrical supplies, had found a similar device three months ago before it could be detonated, the

committee said.

Late Tuesday, three policemen were killed and another one was wounded when their vehicle came under fire in the Dagestani town of Buinaksk, police said.

The republic in southern Russia is home to the parents of the suspects in last month's Boston Marathon bombing. One of the bombing suspects who was killed in a shootout with Boston police, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, paid a long visit to Dagestan last year. Investigators are trying to determine whether he had contact with extremists here. □

Endless Shrimp Dishes!!

AT

Baci Ristorante

Every Friday we start you off with a bowl of our home made minestrone soup accompanied by all you can eat break sticks served with marinara sauce and an olive oil and balsamic vinegar dressing.

Afterwards, choose your favorite shrimp pasta:

Linguine, Fettuccine or Penne

and toss it with favorite sauce:

Alfredo, Fresh Pomodoro or Classic Italian Provencale.

Still room for some **more shrimp?**

Go ahead choose the same pasta and sauce combination or alternate as you desire and enjoy!

Available Every Friday from 5:30 pm to 11:30 pm

25

per person
service charge and local tax not included

THE WESTIN
RESORT & CASINO
ARUBA

for reservations call **586-4466**



Italy's new PM pushes for European banking union

ELAINE GANLEY
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Italy's new premier pressed on Wednesday for the creation of a full-fledged European banking union and said he wants results before the EU summit next month.

Enrico Letta said at a news conference Wednesday with French President Francois Hollande that "we mustn't waste time on this."

"We have decided it. We have to do it," he said, adding it's a way to create jobs by helping companies get lower interest rates.

Letta was in Paris a day after taking office. He visited Germany on Tuesday and heads to Brussels on Thurs-



French President Francois Hollande, right, listens to Italy's Prime Minister Enrico Letta during a press conference at the Elysee Palace in Paris, Wednesday, May 1, 2013.

(AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)

day. Hollande suggested he backed an aggressive push on the banking union, seen

as a cornerstone to end the eurozone's three-year-old crisis.

But Germany, Europe's

biggest economy, fears it might mean new costs to bail out ailing banks in other European nations.

"If we want to bring liquidity to our businesses, if we want the European Central Bank to be able to intervene under good conditions, we must achieve the banking union according to the foreseen calendar," Hollande said.

Letta rejected the notion of a two-speed Europe in which a handful of countries decide and set the pace, saying he believes solutions that will be good for Italy's troubled economy will be good for Europe as a whole.

"I don't share the idea of those who think that solutions that are good to

jumpstart growth in a country like Italy is something bad for Germany," he said. He said he was "absolutely committed" to ensuring that "very clear, very precise" measures to help growth be put in place at the summit.

"We can't have a Europe in which the rest of the continent falls apart and two countries or three countries do well," Letta said.

Italy, the No. 3 economy in the 17-nation eurozone, is currently in recession after years of little growth. Its unemployment rate is 11.5 percent and its debt burden amounts to more than 120 percent of the country's annual economic output — trailing only Greece. □

Sunni Iraq official criticizes force against protestors

ADAM SCHRECK
Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — The Sunni head of a committee established to investigate deadly clashes that erupted at a protest camp in Iraq last week said Wednesday that he believes excessive

force was used by security forces as they tried to make arrests among anti-government demonstrators. The April 23 clashes in the town of Hawija, about 240 kilometers (150 miles) north of Baghdad, sparked a wave of violence across

Iraq that has killed more than 230 people, posing the most serious threat to Iraq's stability since the last American troops left in December 2011.

Sectarian attacks and clashes have been on the upswing in Iraq, raising concerns of a return to the bloody fighting in the last decade that approached a state of civil war. Many from Iraq's Sunni minority say they are marginalized and discriminated against by the Shiite-led government. Deputy Prime Minister Saleh al-Mutlaq, a Sunni, was named the head of a ministerial committee set up by Iraq's prime minister hours after the clashes broke out between government security forces and some of the protestors in Hawija.

"We have found that extra and extensive force was

used, and it was not needed," he said in an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Al-Mutlaq has in the past clashed with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, whose Shiite-led administration has been the target of more than four months of anti-government demonstrations. Al-Mutlaq continues to serve in the government, unlike several other senior Sunni officials who resigned in protest or were forced out of office.

The Defense Ministry said after the crackdown that 23 people, including three members of the security forces, were killed in the clashes. It said some of the dead included militants tied to al-Qaida and Saddam Hussein's outlawed Baath Party, and weapons were recovered from the scene.

Al-Mutlaq's office countered that investigators found evidence that 46 people not on the side of security forces, including minors, were killed. Several were shot in the chest or above, he said. Al-Mutlaq said members of the military told investigators that Iraqi troops opened fire after one of their officers was killed. While he did not cast doubt on that account, he suggested that the government's response was excessive. "In any military, someone has to be responsible," he said. "To lose one soldier, or one officer, that does not mean that you kill such a huge amount of people," he added later.

Al-Mutlaq stopped short of assigning blame for the killings, saying it would likely be several weeks before his committee makes its full findings public, if at all. □



The Promenade
Restaurant

SPECIAL

First Course

CAJUN BEEF SALAD
tossed with olives, onions, paprika and chili sauce
SEAFOOD COCKTAIL
with a pink yoghurt cocktail sauce
ESCARGOT A LA CREME
creamy garlic sauce with fresh mushrooms
GARDEN SALAD BOULANGERE
dressed with your choice of dressing

Second Course

SOUP OF THE DAY
home made

Third Course

STEAK DIANE
with sauteed mushrooms tomatoes and herbs
PICCATA MILANAISE
served on a bed of pasta with parmesan
CHICKEN FLORENTINE
baked stuffed with creamed spinach
PLAIN OR STUFFED GROUPER
stuffed with seafood thermidor

Fourth Course

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE
PINEAPPLE SOUFFLE
ICE CREAM



FOR RESERVATION  **583-8899**
L.G. Smith Blvd. 160 near the low rise Hotels

\$24
P/PERSON

Iraq, Shell kick off major gas project

BAGHDAD (AP) — Royal Dutch Shell says it has officially kicked off a multi-billion-dollar project to tap natural gas in Iraq's south. The \$17 billion joint venture will gather, process and market associated gas, a by-product of producing oil, from three oil fields in

the petroleum-rich province of Basra.

Iraq holds 51 percent in the 25-year partnership while Shell holds 44 percent and Japan's Mitsubishi holds 5 percent. The gas will be used mainly for domestic energy needs, but there is also an option for exports.

Wednesday's announcement was published on Shell's website.

Iraq burns off almost half of the 1.5 billion cubic feet per day of gas that it produces. The deal will help the country capture more than 700 million cubic feet per day of gas from three fields. □



Celebrating our 25th anniversary with YOU!
Present this Ad receive \$20 discount per couple

- Champagne Brunch
- Beach & Cave Tour
- Sunset Cruise
- Wet'n Wild- Jeep Tour
- Sail & Snorkel

Pelican Pier (between Holiday Inn and Playa Linda Resort), Holiday Inn Towel Hut Center, Holiday Inn Concierge, Holiday Inn Lobby, Westin Aruba Poolside, Westin Aruba Lower Lobby, Casa Del Mar Beach Resort.
Or book online at www.pelican-aruba.com



For reservation call:
5872302 or 5861455 (Sundays)

Bolivia expels US aid agency

CARLOS VALDEZ
FRANK BAJAK
Associated Press

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — President Evo Morales acted on a longtime threat Wednesday and expelled the U.S. Agency for International Development for allegedly seeking to undermine Bolivia's leftist government, and he harangued Washington's top diplomat for calling the Western Hemisphere his country's "backyard."

Bolivia's ABI state news agency said USAID was "accused of alleged political interference in peasant unions and other social organizations."

In the past, Morales has accused the agency of funding groups that opposed his policies, including a lowlands indigenous federation that organized protests against a Morales-backed highway through the TIPNIS rainforest preserve. In 2008, Morales expelled the U.S. ambassador and agents of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration for allegedly inciting the opposition. On Wednesday, he said Washington "still has a mentality of domination and submission" in the region.

While Morales did not provide evidence of USAID meddling, funds channeled through it have been used in Bolivia and its leftist ally Venezuela to support organizations deemed a threat by those governments. But there is not much aid left to cut.

As U.S.-Bolivian relations soured and Washington canceled trade preferences, total U.S. foreign aid to the poor, landlocked South American nation has dropped from \$100 million in 2008 to \$28 million last year. □

Venezuela

Tensions high after congressional brawl

C. TOOTHAKER
JORGE RUEDA
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

—Tens of thousands of Venezuelans filled the streets of the capital Wednesday in rival marches by the opposition and the government less than a day after a brawl on the floor of congress injured several opposition lawmakers.

Opposition candidate Henrique Capriles walked in a crowd of supporters through upscale neighborhoods in the east of Caracas during a march to celebrate International Workers' Day.

He called for an end to a government crackdown on his backers, and reiterated plans to challenge his narrow election loss in both Venezuela's court and eventually appeal to the international justice system.

He told reporters he planned to file a challenge in Venezuela's high court Thursday "in order to make use of all the institutions, all domestic remedies, because we don't have any doubt that this case will end up before the international community."

"Sooner rather than later, change will come," he said. "A better Venezuela for all will come."

In downtown Caracas, the government held its own march, featuring songs praising President Nicolas Maduro and his mentor, late president Hugo Chavez.

Both sides appeared to be trying to avoid confrontation by choosing separate locations and calling for peaceful demonstrations, although tensions were running high.

Outside the Justice Ministry,

organizers set up a 30-foot-tall inflatable Chavez balloon with a fist raised in the air. Many wore red T-shirts with pro-government slogans.

"This government is defending workers' rights, increasing salaries like it should," said Juan Ramirez, a 49-year-old employee of the state telecommunications company. "Of

complained of intense pressure to support the government, part of what the opposition describes a broad campaign to quash dissent after Maduro's slim victory.

Tuesday night's clash erupted when members of the opposition coalition unfurled a banner in the National Assembly denouncing a ruling that

ment loyalists threw the first punches. Pro-government legislators appeared on state TV accusing opposition members of attacking them.

Video showed groups of legislators shoving and pushing each other on the floor.

The opposition has refused to accept Maduro's narrow victory, saying the



Opposition lawmaker Julio Borges arrives with a bruised face to his political party's headquarters before speaking to the press in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday, April 30, 2013.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

course, there will have to be more raises to make up for inflation."

Capriles' backer Claudia Sanchez, a 27-year-old office administrator, said she was marching on behalf of her brother, a government worker who she said was being pressured to participate in a pro-Maduro march.

"If they don't see him there he can fall into disgrace, he can lose his job," she said.

Many state workers have

strips them of most legislative powers unless they recognize Maduro's April 14 victory.

Assembly member Julio Borges appeared on an independent television station soon after Tuesday night's brawl with blood running down one side of his swollen face. The opposition said at least 17 of its allies and five pro-government deputies were injured.

Opposition lawmaker Ismael Garcia said govern-

ment's 1.49 percent margin resulted from fraud, including votes cast in the names of the thousands of dead people found on current voting rolls.

In retaliation, the government-dominated assembly has barred opposition lawmakers from public speaking and sitting on legislative committees.

Capriles is boycotting an official audit of the election and plans to file a challenge seeking to overturn it in court. □

Caribbean Briefs

Haiti police say arrest made in Canadian death

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— The Haitian police department says it has made an arrest in connection with the slaying of a Canadian priest last week. Sixty-two-year-old Richard Joyal was gunned down Thursday just after he withdrew money from a bank. Police spokesman Frantz Lerebours said Monday night that he couldn't provide more details on the arrest. Police have said Joyal was shot three times by a passenger on a motorcycle and the two sped off with the priest's bag. Joyal had just withdrawn \$1,000 at the bank, but authorities say they found the cash in his wallet. The priest was from Quebec and worked as an administrator for the Canadian congregation in the Delmas district of Port-au-Prince.

DNA test for body in grave of island hero

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)

— The Dominican Republic has dug up the grave of one of the country's national heroes to make sure the remains are really his before he is re-buried in the national cemetery.

There have long been doubts about whether the remains in a private crypt are really those of Col. Francisco Alberto Caamano Deno, who was killed by government troops in 1973. Family members said Wednesday that they are hoping a DNA test will resolve lingering doubts.

Caamano belonged to a faction seeking to restore President Juan Bosch, who was seen as an ally of communist Cuba and ousted in a U.S.-backed coup. He briefly led the country until a U.S. invasion in April 1965, bringing on a civil war.

Dominicans embraced Bosch and Caamano as heroes after years of dictatorship. □

Despite hurdles, Cuba real estate is buzzing

PETER ORSI

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — In some ways, Yosuan Crespo's real estate office resembles any you might find in New York, London or Tokyo. There are slick posters of hot properties hanging from the ceiling, a steady stream of hopeful buyers and sellers and a constant clack of computer keys.

But Crespo's headquarters in central Havana's trendy Vedado neighborhood is actually somebody else's breezy front porch. The computer's only connection to the Internet is a creaky dial-up link, and Crespo is careful to say he's not operating as a broker, since the job is still technically illegal.

A baffling, sometimes bizarre real estate market has emerged in the year and a half since President Raul Castro legalized private home sales on this Communist-run island for the first time in five decades.

While trade in homes is now legal, the people who bring buyers together with sellers are not. The government has yet to make good on promises to legitimize brokers, most of whom still operate in the shadows.

It's a story that has been typical of Castro's economic reforms, which often have left little space for the sort of middlemen and other services that help markets work.

The Cuban leader also has legalized a used car market, but not the right to open a business that sells them. And while reforms have sparked an explosion of private restaurants and cafes across Cuba, the government has yet to give them access to wholesalers that could keep them better supplied.

Crespo gets around the broker ban by operating as a licensed computer programmer and photographer, helping clients list their properties on Web portals, producing the for-sale posters that hang in his office and offering digital photo services for sellers. He says he doesn't charge

commissions.

Crespo's listed fees are just a few dollars, but he's found himself in major demand. He estimates 30 to 40 customers a day wander into his porch-side business, called EspacioCuba. He says his service has 2,500 current listings and has helped sell about 250 properties since it opened in January.

"Right now we are very pleased," said Crespo, a smartly dressed 28-year-old computer scientist with

floor of a three-bedroom, three-bathroom colonial-style house with a marble staircase and a graceful, blue-pillared porch for \$250,000 — a fortune in a country where salaries average around \$20 a month. Exiles, economists and several informal brokers say much of the money is coming from abroad, some of it in under-the-table deals that lack legal protection and run counter to Cuba's ban on foreigners owning property.

outsiders are taking place through proxies. Sometimes the cash is wired to Cuba. At other times, money changes hands in overseas accounts.

A Cuban economist who is well-versed in the real estate market agreed that the presence of foreign funds is "significant," though exact figures don't exist. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to journalists.

Maria Isabel Alfonso, a



Estrella Diaz sits next to a homemade sign advertising her home for sale, in Havana, Cuba. A baffling, sometimes bizarre real estate market has emerged in the year and a half since President Raul Castro legalized private home sales for the first time in five decades.

(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

close-cropped hair, but he added that the market would benefit by the government made brokering legal.

The market also still lacks a workable mortgage system, an easy means of advertising potential sales and, most important, a middle class with resources to buy.

Yet sales are humming, with some 45,000 homes changing hands in the first eight months after Castro legalized the real estate market in November 2011, according to the most recent statistics from the government.

Prices for the choicest properties are staggeringly high: One of Crespo's Havana listings offers the top

In South Florida, home to the largest Cuban exile community, stories abound of people buying homes for family still on the island, or using relatives as fronts for their own purchases.

"I am aware of a number of people who have purchased property in Cuba," said Carlos Saladrigas, co-chairman of the Cuba Study Group, which advocates for closer ties between the U.S. and Cuba as a way to promote democracy.

"And (there are) many others who are financing small businesses in Cuba owned by their relatives," he said. Cuban law says only permanent residents are eligible to buy property, so any transactions involving

Cuban exile who teaches at St. Joseph's College in New York, said many recent Cuban emigres left for economic rather than political reasons, and buying property is one way for them to maintain ties to the island.

"For many years I have been trying to overcome that feeling of having lost the connection with Cuba," she said.

There are more practical motivations for people who haven't left the island. Divorced couples have forced to remain under one roof for years, and multiple generations commonly cram together under one roof. The ability to buy and sell gives everyone more options. □



Kids apply now:

RBC Royal Bank's 4th edition of Art Rules Aruba launches application form!

ORANJESTAD - The number one international and educational summer Arts program of Aruba is back. Introducing a new website, new workshops, new teachers and San Nicolas as the location to teach over 250 young aspiring Aruban artists about the world of Arts.

With international Artists coming from abroad teaching different Art disciplines this year's disciplines include Theater, Dance, Creative Media, Street Art, Fashion, Poetry & Spoken Word, Music & Performance, DJ and the bonus workshop Culinary Arts.

It all starts on July 15th in an intensive 2-week summer program at Abraham de Veer College with full time classes for each discipline. For students to get to the school, producers from the Pancake Gallery foundation are providing bus transportation from Cas di Cultura everyday to Abraham de Veer making a few stops on the way to

classes kids are signing up for followed by DJ but the Pancake Gallery is not worried, "by June most of the classes will be filled up, with a high volume of ap-



plicants for this years Bonus workshop, Culinary Arts. "The class is getting a lot of people excited". Therefore the Pancake Gallery is advising kids everywhere to sign up on time!

A lot of newness this year for Art Rules with not only a new bonus workshop but also the new discipline Creative Media which has become a combination of the former Photography and film workshops. "Nowadays kids are so multidisciplinary when it comes to digital art, they know how to not only know take pictures or do a photo shoot, they film, they edit, they produce and direct".

For this reason the Pancake Gallery decided that a combination of disciplines would be a great way to teach students techniques based on the multitailented and not just having the talent to do one thing.

Also adding the fact that the project is taking place



in San Nicolas, the program is being offered in a part of the island that is an amazing backdrop for an Arts Program.

"Exploring and experiencing Arts in San Nicolas means learning how to create from a place that may not have a lot of recourse, it has history, it has stories, it has soul, it has culture in both a painful and beautiful manner; these are the things that inspire the best amongst us", explains the Pancake Gallery.

With the help of Minister of Justice and Education Arthur Dowers, Director of Abraham de Veer Col-

lege Elgin Nicolaas, local calypso legend and artist Antoni Gario, more and more people are backing up and showing their support to the program to help make it successful, understanding that Art Rules Aruba can and will do something meaningful for young kids everywhere on the island. "Keeping them off the streets and productive during the summer", explained by the department of Justice and Education.

Baptized into the name Art Rules Pariba, the program kicks off on July 15th and run for 2 weeks through July 26th with a final showcase on July 27th. Want to

be part of the program? Visit www.artrulesaruba.com and find out everything about the workshops, the teachers, the location, updates and of course how to apply!

RBC presents Art Rules Aruba 2013 is also powered by Aruba Airport Authority, Prins Bernard Cultuur Fonds Caribisch gebied, La Trattoria El Faro Blanco, La Cabana Beach Resort, Playa Linda Beach Resort, Caribbean Palm Village Resorts and Marketing Plus. If you would also like to support and become an official partner to the project please send an email to info@pancakegallery.com ☐



San Nicolas.

Since Art Rules Aruba launched it's application form last week during the press conference at RBC Royal Bank, over 50 students have already signed up to the program. So far Dance, Music & Performance and Theater have been the more popular

What everyone is talking about: Dining delights await at The Blue Lobster Restaurant!

PALM BEACH - There is nothing better than a good dinner, a nice bottle of fine wine, good company, professional service and affordable prices. That is an elusive list of facts that rarely are found all together in one place. Our quest for getting what we deserve. Becomes more and more troublesome and there are so many things that stands on the way for us to really enjoy what we like the most. Such as good company and good moments, which will impress good memories

in our lives.

We go on vacations in search for a good time. And good food, luckily in Aruba there are many places to get both and much more.

One of these places it is a little cozy Caribbean Seafood restaurant in Palm Beach, called THE BLUE LOBSTER, open one and a half years ago. This jewel is now making waves with its specialty "CARIBBEAN LOBSTER" prepared in 25 different ways, all its dishes were put on test for the first 6 months and the clients

that had the opportunity to sample them, are now raving about the high quality and superb seasoning as well as the beautiful presentation.

Exquisite wine list and great cocktails are escorting this high culinary experience; many are the clients that with no hesitation wrote down in their comments cards, such as:

"Very Good, above and beyond; I really enjoy the great food & service Thank you."

-April 26/2013 by Mr. Riley L. C B R.

Or
"By Far the best meal we have had during our first visit to Aruba, will surely recommend this restaurant as well as whole Aruba."

-April 27/2013 by Mrs. Tea Londroos, Tropicana hotel.

Or.
"You are awesome, the best place to eat in whole Aruba, we love you, The food the service, the quality.... Is so many good things to say that we can't even start. Congrats."



-April 27/2013 Family Mizukami, Westin Hotel.

Or
"You guys were awesome for my husband's birthday, thank you!"

-March 29/2013 by Mrs. Scavelli, Marriott Resort.

Or
"We enjoyed the 3 courses and the wine. A very charming intimate dining experience, very classy. Good luck building up your business."

-March 16/2013 by Mr. Rhonald, Hyatt Hotel.

Or
"This is our third visit and we will be back next year!"

- March 20/2013 by Mrs. Rosekrans, Radisson Hotel.

And like this, one could write a book with the different wonderful comments left behind by happy satisfied and loyal customers. Hundreds and hundreds are more and more falling in love with this Hidden gem on Palm Beach. THE BLUE LOBSTER RESTAURANT. For sure there are there some very sophisticated customers challenging the culinary experience, of THE BLUE LOBSTER, but as we understand the owner Mr. German Castano and The MICHELIN EX-

PERIENCED CHEF Sandro, his son in law, are seriously committed to constant improvements and to keep bringing to the Island more and more satisfied customers.

NOT visiting THE BLUE LOBSTER while in Aruba, means missing half of your trip. A wonderful culinary experience, casual, non-complicated, friendly, romantic and fantastic. At very affordable prices, do not let the word LOBSTER scare you. Feel free to enjoy a 3-course dinner plus a bottle of wine for just \$36 - \$50pp. This special promotion is running every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. So don't miss it. GOOD THINGS IN LIFE DO NOT NEED TO BE EXPENSIVE. The motto of THE BLUE LOBSTER IS: good food, good service and good prices. So enjoy it. □



**Beauty
On The
Beach**

Mariyalba

**She's from
VENEZUELA.
We wish them
a pleasant
stay here in Aruba!**

**WINNER OF TRIP ADVISOR'S CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE 2012
Best Lobster House and International
Cuisine's Restaurant**

The Blue Lobster
INTERNATIONAL CUISINE & LOBSTER HOUSE
Phone: 586-3843

San Francisco birders fascinated on trip to Aruba

PALM BEACH - During his regular trips through Aruba's National Arikok Park, Greg Peterson, president of Aruba Birdlife Conservation, was waved to stop by the chauffeur of a luxurious tour van. Tour guide Amador Lacle was on a birding tour with guests from as far away as San Francisco's Bay Area. Amador wanted to introduce his guests to Greg Peterson, also known as Aruba's birdman and the birders had some questions.

In the van were 4 people, two couples, Mr. and Mrs. Gonzalez and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, all from San Francisco. The ladies were avid bird photographers and travelled to Aruba from so far to capture

some of Aruba's beautiful birds.

There was this one very beautiful yellow bird, which they wanted to identify.

It was Aruba's Yellow Oriole or Gonzalito as locals know it.

Peterson commented that he was extremely happy to have met these visiting bird photographers.

They prove the point that there is so much beauty in Aruba and that such visiting bird photographers who make such a special effort to travel to Aruba for our birds may one day help stimulate nature conservation in Aruba.

For more information on Aruba's birds, go to www.arubabirdlifeconservation.com. □



BONUS



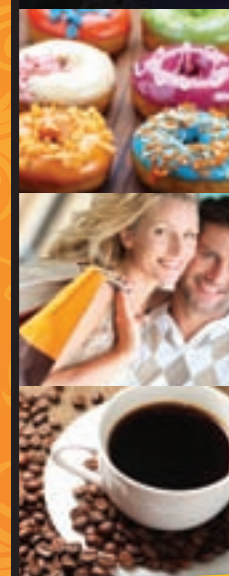
THURSDAY!

Super 4-Card BINGO starting at 1pm!

\$6 for 4-Card BINGO! • 8 games to play!

\$1,000 in Cash Prizes!

Additional \$500 Cash Prize in our Monthly Early Bird Drawing when you purchase your card prior to 12 noon!



The Shops at Alhambra Casino

Dining

- Baskin-Robbins
- Dunkin Donuts
- Fusion ~ Piano, Cigar & Wine Bar
- Ginger ~ Asian Flavors
- Juan Valdez Café
- Little Caesars
- Subway

Retail

- Aruba Aloe®
- Aruba Memories
- Daher & Co
- Diamonds International
- Intermezzo ~ The Salon
- R-Glass
- The Lazy Lizard
- The Market

Where Aruba goes to play!

Open daily 10am to 4am • J.E. Irausquin Blvd #47 • 583.5000 • www.casinoalhambra.com

Must be an Alhambra Advantage member. All programs and promotions are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice.

Alhambra
CASINO AND SHOPS

Hot competition at Arubianas Beach Tennis Tournament!



PALM BEACH – Last weekend, Beach Tennis Aruba (BTA) and Arubianas organized the 4th ranking tournament of 2013. The event took place at Eagle beach where around 300 participants played over the weekend in all categories, levels and ages. The players played hard in the hot conditions on the

14 courts. The Youth tournament on the Saturday afternoon showed that Aruba has a lot to offer I beach tennis talent. On the Sunday just before the Open women finals Banana Moon had a marvelous bikini show. Winners received medals and Arubianas sandals. For more information go

to www.beachtennisaruba.com or come to the BTA courts at Moomba and try out this great new sport. Next tournament will be the Team cup Challenge at the Moomba courts May 12! Results: Youth fun: 1 Quinten Chong/Jesper vd Lee Youth Intermediate: 1 Nikaj vd Meer/Mathijs de Kool

Youth Advanced: 1 Gabriella Rasmijn/Jim de Weerd Singles> Intermediate men: 1 John Klappers Advanced men: 1 Juan de Guzman Advanced women: 1 Melissa Quijada Mixed doubles> Fun mix: 1 Jessica Maduro/Giancarlo Intermediate mix: 1 Meike

Landeweer/John Klappers Advanced mix: 1 Maartje Dolfing/Jonathan Looman Doubles> Fun men: 1 Rhudy Donata/Johnny Winterdaal Fun women: 1 Eline de Kool/Anne Hoogendam Intermediate women: 1 Faustta Luna/Mairim Ar-ends Intermediate men: 1 Anderson Giel/Oslin Bergrok Advanced men: 1 Bas Jen-nen/Pieter Selen Advanced women: 1 Yvette Tromp/Maartje Dolf-ing Open men: 1 Fabrizio Battaglia/Louis Posner Open women: Yvette Franssen/Danielle van Sta-veren BTA is powered by: Aru-bianas, Amstel Bright, Alno Eurokitchen, Arke Fly, Folkeringa & partners, Cop-pertone, Boolchand's, DAL Pest Control, Pringles, RBC Royal Bank, Senior Frog's, Wema.□

Catch your own dinner with Driftwood! Motto at Driftwood Restaurant: "from the pier to your plate!"



ORANJESTAD - The down-town marina is home of Driftwood Fishing Charters, the successful fisherman of the established seafood restaurant Driftwood in Oranjestad. Driftwood owner Herby

Merryweather has a love and passion for fishing. A fisherman who knows about fish, what our local waters have to offer, and what the words "fresh seafood" really mean. What Herby catches will be served in his restaurant on the same day. Herby loves to share his fishing passion with the many visitors to the island. His fleet of a 35ft. Twin Engine Bertram yacht and a 50ft. Twin Engine Post yacht, appropriately called "Driftwood I and II, is available for charters on 12 noon and from 1pm to 5pm.



Winners of Intl. LUHRS Marina Group Blue Marlin Release Tournament 2009

Catch your own dinner

A charter includes: captain, mate all fishing equipment, bait, sodas and bottled water. On a full day charter sandwiches and snacks are also included. You can call Herby directly at (297) 592 4040 or go to www.driftwoodaruba.com **Driftwood Restaurant.** This authentic Aruban seafood restaurant is located in characteristic downtown Oranjestad. Their

extended menu has been jubled by many. Driftwood offers daily specials, as well as a delicious 4-course menu for just \$25.95 **Charter deep sea fishing rates:** \$400 - 1/2 day • \$760 - full day. Rates per boat Max. 6 people. **Driftwood Restaurant** Authentic Aruban Seafood Restaurant; Klipstraat #12, Downtown Oranjestad. Tel: (297) 583 2515 www.driftwoodaruba.com Open hours: every day, from 5pm till 10:30pm. Sunday Closed.



Robert Guerrero answers questions for boxing fans and reporters at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino, Tuesday, April 30, 2013, in Las Vegas. Guerrero will fight Floyd Mayweather Jr. for the WBC world welterweight championship on Saturday.
Associated Press

Guerrero likes chances of giving Mayweather loss

TIM DAHLBERG

AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd Mayweather Jr. admitted this week what many have long suspected — that he hand picks every opponent who enters the ring with him.

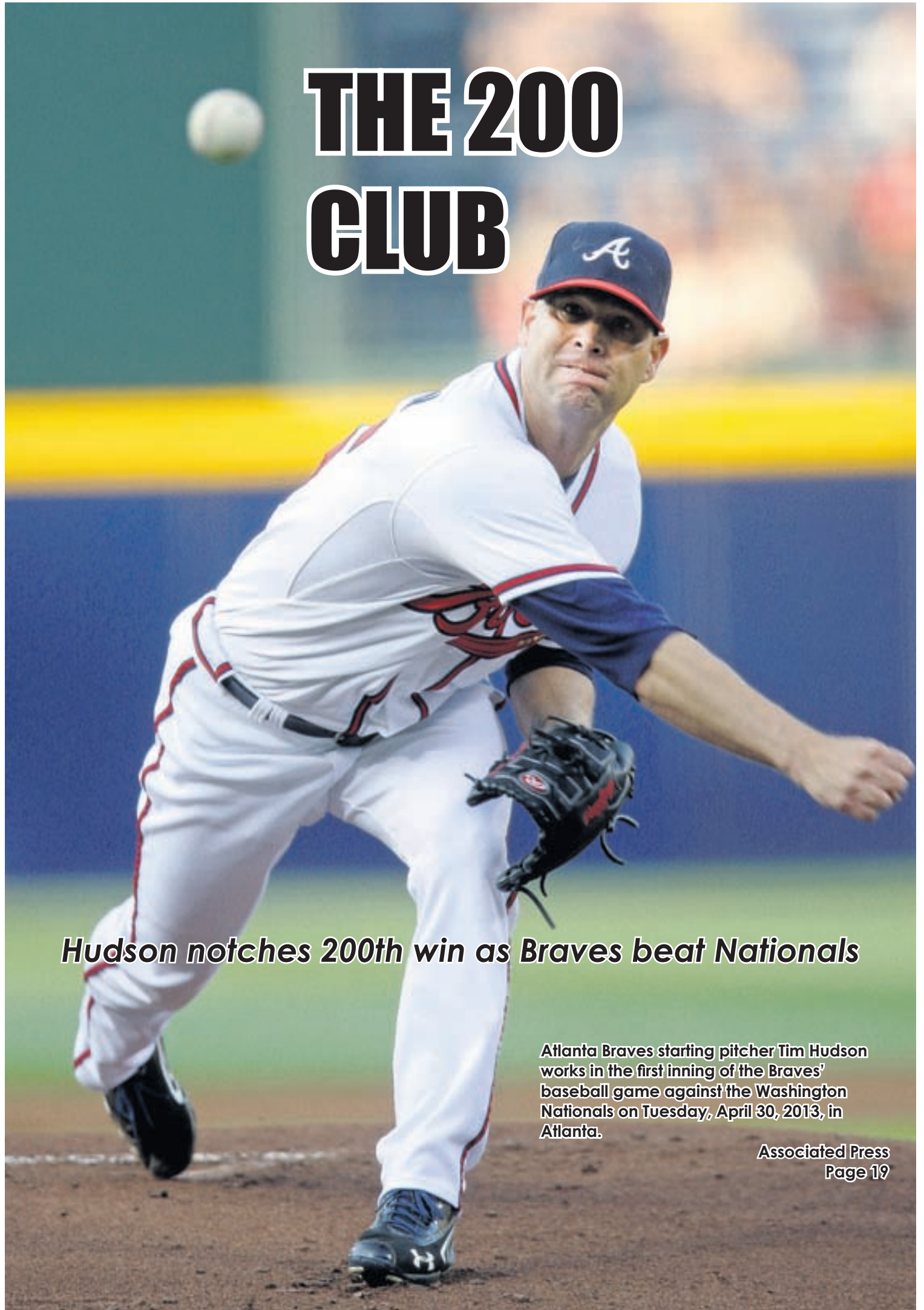
He also decides how much they get paid and what the contract details will be. So Robert Guerrero was somewhat prepared when Mayweather picked him to be the opponent for his first fight in a year Saturday night at the MGM Grand hotel.

What he wasn't prepared for was what Mayweather's camp insisted on putting in the contract.

"He asked for a rematch clause. That was the very first thing," Guerrero said. "It just shows me where his head is at."

Where Mayweather's head is at has, of course, been the topic of many conversations over the years.

Continued on Page 20



Hudson notches 200th win as Braves beat Nationals

Atlanta Braves starting pitcher Tim Hudson works in the first inning of the Braves' baseball game against the Washington Nationals on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, in Atlanta.

Associated Press
Page 19



In this May 29, 2011, file photo, David Eger follows his tee shot on the fifth hole during the final round of the Senior PGA Championship golf tournament at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky.

Associated Press

Former official TV viewer on Tiger drop

NEW YORK (AP) — The television viewer who reported the illegal drop Tiger Woods took during the Masters was more than just a golf fan. Sports Illustrated reports it was David Eger, a rules expert who has worked for the USGA and the PGA Tour. Eger says he was watching the Masters when he replayed the 15th hole to see how Woods made bogey. Woods hit the pin with his third shot, which bounced back into the water. He dropped from the same area, hit to 4 feet and made bogey. "I could see there was a divot — not a divot, a divot hole — when he played the shot the second time that was not there the first time," Eger told the magazine. "I played it again and again. I could see that the fairway was spotless the first time he played the shot and there was that divot hole, maybe 3 or 4 feet in front of where he played after the drop." Eger, who now plays on the Champions Tour, said he called Mickey Bradley, one of the PGA Tour rules officials who was working at Augusta National. □

Park looks to keep hot streak going at Kingsmill



Inbee Park, of South Korea, hits an approach shot on the third hole during the third round of the North Texas LPGA Shootout golf tournament Saturday, April 27, 2013, at Los Colinas Country Club in Irving, Texas.

Associated Press

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia (AP) — Inbee Park has never had much success on the River Course at the Kingsmill Championship. She's also never tackled the layout along the James River as the world's top-ranked female player. The 24-year-old South Korean will do that beginning Thursday, hoping to stay on the roll that has already produced three victories this season and completed her climb to the No. 1 ranking. It will be her first competitive rounds at the popular stop on tour since 2009, when for the second time in three years, she missed the cut. The other time, in 2008, she tied for 16th. "It seems pretty new to me, but somehow I just remember this course like I played yesterday," Park said this week. "I mean, I just love to come to this spot. It's a great spot to come and it's a very nice resort and very nice golf course. I'm just going to try to enjoy my

week of golf here." If having success equals fun, Park had had plenty in the past year. She has won five of the 18 tournaments she's played in since June, and finished in the top 11 on six other occasions. She's been No. 1 for four weeks now, and trying to appreciate it without feeling pressure. "That's been my dream since I started playing golf, to be the best in the world, and I finally reached it," she said. "And it was everything was just coming together and everything that I dreamed for. "You can put a lot of pressure on yourself when you're No. 1, but I'm just trying to think that's just a number," she continued. "... It's just No. 1 and No. 1 is just No. 1, not trying to say that I need to win every week or anything. It's just I try to enjoy what I'm doing and that's just a gift. Park skipped the tour's return to Kingsmill after a two-year absence last season,

and missed one of the most dramatic events of the year. Countrywoman and former No. 1 player Jiyai Shin and Paula Creamer finished regulation in a tie and remained tied while replaying the 18th hole eight times before darkness came. Returning on Monday morning, Shin won with a par on the first hole of the day, the 16th. It was her first victory in 32 events, a drought helped along by a wrist injury that had required surgery three months earlier. Six days later, she won the Women's British Open for her second major title. Shin earned her 11th career victory earlier this season, but returns to defend her title after a back problem cropped up a few weeks ago, causing her to skip a tour stop in Hawaii to allow it to rest. She played last week to get back in the swing, and said, "I feel really good and feel ready to go." □

Tour boss says cycling has changed post Armstrong



Christian Prudhomme, director of Le Tour De France, speaks as he unveils the yellow jersey to be used in this year's race, in Sydney, Australia, Wednesday, May 1, 2013. The 100th edition of the race begins June 29.

Associated Press

SYDNEY (AP) — Tour de France director Christian Prudhomme says professional cycling has changed considerably since the Lance Armstrong scandal first broke, even if it still has some problems. Prudhomme, speaking in Australia on Wednesday, said an agreement between the International Cycling Union (UCI) and the French anti-doping agency to conduct tests at this year's Tour made cheating even harder than it would be under world sporting rules. He said the doping that resulted in Armstrong being stripped of his seven Tour de France titles was in the past. "(Armstrong) wasn't there last year, he wasn't there the year before," he was quoted as saying by Australian Associated Press. "... Cycling is not a perfect world, but it's changed." Prudhomme suggested the Tour had been subject to public double standards since the Armstrong scandal, despite efforts to clean up the event's tainted image. "I would like to know what would happen in other sporting events and sporting circles if they were as rigorous in terms of rules as the Tour de France," Prudhomme said of the UCI-French doping agency regime for the Tour. □

NL Capsules

Hudson homers in 200th win as Braves beat Nats 8-1

The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Tim Hudson was a dual threat in his 200th career win, combining with Anthony Varvaro on a three-hitter while adding a homer and a double to lead the Atlanta Braves to an 8-1 win over the Washington Nationals on Tuesday night.

Hudson (3-1) dominated the Nationals through seven innings, striking out six, walking two and giving up one run. The 37-year-old also led off the second with a double to left field off Gio Gonzalez (2-2) and hit a fifth-inning homer off Zach Duke.

The Braves won their ninth straight against Washington, dating to last season. Andrelton Simmons had three hits, including a homer to lead off the first inning for Atlanta. Freddie Freeman had three singles and three RBIs, and Evan Gattis drove in two runs with two hits.

Hudson's homer was the third of his career and first since June 20, 2011 against Toronto. He became the third active pitcher with 200 wins, joining Andy Pettitte (248) and Roy Halladay (201). Hudson is 200-105 in his career, including 92 wins while with Oakland from 1999-2004.

Gonzalez lasted only four innings, allowing five runs on seven hits and five walks.

GIANTS 2, DIAMONDBACKS 1

PHOENIX (AP) — Pablo Sandoval hit a two-run homer with one out in the top of the ninth to lead San Francisco to a win over Arizona. Arizona starter Trevor Cahill left after allowing a leadoff single to Angel Pagan, the Giants' fourth hit against the right-hander. J.J. Putz (2-1) came on for Arizona and struck out Marco Scutaro, and quickly went ahead 0-1 on Sandoval, who sent the next pitch into the stands in right.

It was Putz's fourth blown save in nine chances.

Sandy Rosario (1-0) recorded the last out of the eighth for his first career win, and Sergio Romo pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

CARDINALS 2, REDS 1

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Matt Holliday hit a two-run homer, Jaime Garcia continued his mastery of Cincinnati with eight strong innings and St. Louis snapped a three-game losing streak.

Garcia (3-1) gave up one run on seven hits, struck out three and did not walk a batter. The left-hander improved to 7-0 in eight starts against the Reds at Busch Stadium and is 9-2 overall against them. He retired the last seven batters he faced and recorded 18 ground ball outs.

Edward Mujica struck out the side in the ninth for his fifth save in as many



Atlanta Braves' Tim Hudson hits a solo home run against the Washington Nationals in the fifth inning of a baseball game on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, in Atlanta. Associated Press

chances.

Bronson Arroyo (2-3) allowed two runs on six hits over seven innings for the Reds, whose win streak ended at three games.

BREWERS 12, PIRATES 8

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Rickie Weeks broke out of a season-long slump with a three-run homer and five RBIs to lead Milwaukee over Pittsburgh.

Weeks finished with three hits for the Brewers, who won their ninth straight against Pittsburgh. They improved to 46-7 at Miller

Park against the Pirates since the start of 2007.

Andrew McCutchen homered and had four hits for Pittsburgh.

After Tom Gorzelanny (1-0) escaped a two-on, none-out jam in the seventh, Yunesky Betancourt lined his sixth home run of the year off Pirates reliever Bryan Morris (0-1).

Weeks, who began the night batting .167, hit his second homer of the season in the eighth.

DODGERS 6, ROCKIES 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hyun-

Jin Ryu had a career-best 12 strikeouts in six innings and Hanley Ramirez homered in his first start of the season, leading Los Angeles over Colorado.

Carlos Gonzalez gave the Rockies a 1-0 lead in the first with a homer — but it didn't last. After giving up the home run to Gonzalez, Ryu (3-1) retired 14 of the next 15 batters he faced. His 12 strikeouts were the most by a Dodgers rookie since Hideo Nomo fanned 13 on Aug. 20, 1995.

Ryu, Matt Kemp, Adrian Gonzalez and Jerry Hairston Jr. all drove in runs for the Dodgers.

Jorge De La Rosa (2-3) worked four innings for the Rockies, giving up six earned runs on 11 hits with two walks and a strikeout. He fell to 0-8 in his career against the Dodgers.

MARLINS 2, METS 1

MIAMI (AP) — Juan Pierre scored standing up on a wild pitch with none out in the ninth and Miami came from behind in the final inning for the second consecutive game to beat reeling New York.

Jeremy Hefner (0-3) took a 1-0 lead and a three-hitter into the ninth inning but couldn't get another out for the Mets, who have dropped six straight games. Hefner had a career-high eight strikeouts and lowered his ERA from 5.14 to 3.72. □

NHL Playoffs Roundup

Blues, Blackhawks, Ducks win as playoffs begin

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Alex Steen stole the puck from goalie Jonathan Quick behind the net and scored a short-handed goal to give the St. Louis Blues a 2-1 victory over the defending Stanley Cup champion Los Angeles Kings on Tuesday night. Steen scored unassisted on a backhand at 13:26 of overtime less than a minute after Blues defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk was whistled for a double-minor

high sticking when he cut Dustin Penner.

Steen also scored on a power play in the first period for the Blues, who ended an eight-game losing streak against the team that swept them in the second round last spring.

Quick, last year's Conn Smythe winner as playoff MVP, made 35 saves in regulation, keeping the Kings in it for Justin Williams' tying goal with 31.6 seconds left.

Game 2 is Thursday night.

Blackhawks 2, Wild 1, OT
CHICAGO (AP) — Bryan Bickell scored in overtime on a two-on-one rush, and the Blackhawks started the playoffs on a winning note after dominating the regular season.

Corey Crawford settled down after allowing a weak goal in the opening minutes.

Continued on Page 21



Chicago Blackhawks' Viktor Stalberg (25) celebrates with Bryan Bickell after Bickell's game-winning goal in overtime, as Minnesota Wild's Jonas Brodin (25) skates by in Game 1 of an NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoff series Tuesday, April 30, 2013, in Chicago. The Blackhawks defeated the Wild 2-1.

Associated Press

Tigers beat Twins 6-1 5th straight win

The Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Miguel Cabrera and Prince Fielder each hit a two-run homer, Justin Verlander pitched seven strong innings and the Detroit Tigers beat the Minnesota Twins 6-1 Tuesday night for their fifth straight victory.

Verlander (3-2) allowed a run and five hits. He struck out eight and walked two. Vance Worley (0-4) gave up six runs and 10 hits in 4 2-3 innings, raising his ERA to 7.22.

Cabrera opened the scoring with his fourth homer of the year, and Fielder's seventh was part of a three-run fifth. Alex Avila also went deep for Detroit.

Tigers pitchers struck out 10 — reaching that mark for the fifth straight game. That equals the longest streak by an American League team since at least 1921. The major league record since then is eight games by the Milwaukee Brewers last August, according to STATS.

ATHLETICS 10, ANGELS 6

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) —

Yoenis Cespedes drove in four runs, Seth Smith knocked in three with a bases-loaded double and Oakland beat Los Angeles. One night after outlasting the Angels 10-8 in a 19-inning classic that lasted 6½ hours, the A's defeated Los Angeles for the fifth consecutive time this season. Jarrod Parker (1-4) pitched into the seventh for Oakland, which has won 13 straight against AL West teams. Mike Trout drove in four runs and Mark Trumbo homered for the second straight game for the Angels. Los Angeles fell to 9-17, the worst start in franchise history. The Angels are 0-5 against Oakland for the first time since 1990. Garrett Richards (1-2) gave up seven runs in 5 2-3 innings.

BLUE JAYS 9, RED SOX 7

TORONTO (AP) — Edwin Encarnacion hit an upper-deck homer in the fifth inning, then connected for a go-ahead shot in the seventh that sent Toronto over



Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera, left, points to teammate Prince Fielder after Fielder's two-run home run during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins in Detroit, Tuesday, April 30, 2013.

Associated Press

Boston.

The Blue Jays ended a four-game losing streak and avoided the first 18-loss April in club history.

David Ortiz homered and drove in four runs for Boston, which had won five in a row and was trying for its first 19-win April.

Mike Carp and Jonny Gomes also connected for the Red Sox, who head into May with the best record in the majors for the 11th time in team history.

Encarnacion's pair of two-run shots marked the 10th multihomer game of his career and second this season.

He has nine home runs this year.

Encarnacion became the 14th player to reach the upper deck in left field at Rogers Centre, tagging starter Jon Lester. Toronto trailed 7-6 when Encarnacion homered off Junichi Tazawa (2-1).

Steve Delabar (2-1) got two outs for the win. Casey Janssen finished for his seventh save in as many chances.

YANKEES 7, ASTROS 4

NEW YORK (AP) — Hiroki Kuroda settled in after a rocky start to pitch four-hit ball through seven innings,

Travis Hafner had three RBI singles and New York used small ball to beat Houston. Lyle Overbay homered for the banged-up Bronx Bombers, who bounced back from a 9-1 loss to the Astros on Monday. New York took advantage of Phil Humber's four wild pitches and a couple of close calls at first base to score its first four runs without an extra-base hit.

Kuroda (4-1) threw 67 pitches in the first three innings, putting at least two runners on in each one. But just as he did in his previous start, he got into a better rhythm

Guerrero

Continued from Page 17

When he fought last May against Miguel Cotto the worry among his fans was that he would be distracted by an upcoming jail sentence, though that turned out to be unfounded.

Talk to Mayweather now, and his head seems to be fine. So, too, are his reflexes at the age of 36, at least judged by a sparring session last week where he practiced landing right hand leads against a fighter mimicking Guerrero's southpaw style.

He has to lose sometime because nearly every fighter not named Rocky Marciano lost at some point in their career. But Mayweather has a new six-fight



Boxers Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, and Robert Guerrero, right, pose for photographers with Mayweather's adviser, Leonard Ellerbe, second from left, and Oscar De La Hoya, during a news conference, Wednesday, May 1, 2013, in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

television deal that should cement his status as the world's highest paid athlete, and he doesn't seem terribly concerned about a loss or a possible rematch of their welterweight title fight.

"I've done this my whole life," Mayweather said. "This is what I love to do." Though Mayweather sees Guerrero as just the latest opponent for yet another huge payday, Guerrero sees things quite differ-

ently. He believes he is the fighter who will be the first to beat Mayweather, and he's eager to earn both the recognition and the money that would come with such a win.

At the final pre-fight press conference Wednesday he said Mayweather made a mistake by picking him as an opponent.

"They talk about this as Floyd Mayweather's home," Guerrero said. "Well, this is a home invasion."

Odds makers don't share Guerrero's confidence, making the former champion in three weight classes a decided underdog in the biggest fight of his career. But the once-beaten (31-1-1) fighter from Gilroy, Calif., said he's been underestimated his entire career. □

and retired 14 of his final 15 batters.

The right-hander won his fourth consecutive decision, matching a career best. Mariano Rivera got one out for his 10 straight save to start the season.

Ichiro Suzuki had three of the 15 hits for the Yankees, who put Kevin Youkilis on their star-studded disabled list with a lumbar spine sprain.

Chris Carter hit a two-run homer for Houston and Jose Altuve had a two-run double. Humber (0-6) was lifted after the sixth trailing 4-0.

ROYALS 8, RAYS 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)

— James Shields made a stellar first start against his former team and Mike Moustakas hit a two-run homer to lead Kansas City over Tampa Bay. □

NBA Playoffs Roundup

Dirty play accusations after Nuggets beat Warriors

The Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Accusations of dirty play were exchanged after the Denver Nuggets beat the Golden State Warriors 107-100 on Tuesday to avoid elimination from the NBA playoffs. Needing a win to stay alive, the Nuggets played tough basketball, with fiery forward Kenneth Faried at the center of the action. Denver cut the series deficit to 3-2, sending it back to Oakland for Game 6 on Thursday.

Denver slowed down Golden State's guards, jumpstarted their transition game and got under Andrew Bogut's skin in Game 5, jumping out to a 22-point lead before weathering the Warriors' frenetic fourth-quarter rally.

Warriors coach Mark Jackson accused the Nuggets of trying to hurt Stephen Curry, his injured sharpshooter who was just 1 for 7 from long-range and finished with a series-low 15 points.

"Some dirty plays early," Jackson said. "It's playoff basketball, that's all right. We own it. But make no mistake about it, we went up 3-1 playing hard, physical, clean basketball — not trying to hurt anybody."

Jackson mentioned Faried setting some "great screens and some great illegal ones, too."

"He did his job. Hey, I played with guys like that. They get paid to do that. Dale Davis, Anthony Davis, Charles Oakley. You get paid to do it. So give them

credit," Jackson said. "As an opposing coach, I see it, and I'm trying to protect my guys."

Jackson complained about one screen in particular on Curry being "a shot at his ankle, clearly. That can't be debated."



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) drives against Denver Nuggets guard Ty Lawson, center, as Warriors forward Harrison Barnes sets a pick in the third quarter of Game 5 of their first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Tuesday, April 30, 2013, in Denver. The Nuggets won 107-100.

He added, "I got inside information that some people don't like that brand of basketball and they clearly didn't co-sign it. They wanted to let me know they have no parts in what was taking place. Let the best team win. And let everybody with the exception of going down with a freak injury, let everybody leave out of here healthy. That's not good basketball."

"It's basketball," countered Faried. "I try to do the little things my team needs me to do. It's physi-

cal. If you can't stand the physicality, you shouldn't be playing."

Asked about accusations he tried to hurt Curry, Faried said: "That's intriguing because I think they were purposefully trying to hurt me every play I went

"I've taken the hardest hit in the series, Game 1 or 2, when Bogut leaned in to me on a screen. And I didn't remember what happened the rest of the game," Denver's Andre Iguodala said. "They kind of brought the physical-

they're taking cheap shots or not we need to match that physicality."

Klay Thompson said "a couple of them could have been cheap shots. I thought Steph got cheat shot one time, he got a bloody nose. It's not acceptable, but we've got to match that. We can't let it get in our heads, just do what we did in the second half." Andre Iguodala had 25 points and 12 rebounds for the Nuggets, Ty Lawson had 19 points and 10 assists and Faried had 13 points and 10 boards.

Stephen Curry finished 1 of 7 from 3 and scored 15 for the Warriors. Harrison Barnes led Golden State with 23 points.

Meanwhile in Los Angeles, Memphis moved within one win of a spot in the next round of the playoffs by beating the L.A. Clippers 103-93.

Zach Randolph scored 10 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter as the Grizzlies capitalized on Blake Griffin's ankle injury.

Mike Conley added 20 points for the Grizzlies, who will try to wrap it up Friday at home. The Pacific Division champion Clippers, who won their last seven games of the regular season to clinch home-court advantage for the first two rounds, would force a deciding seventh game on Sunday back at Staples Center if they win in Memphis.

Chris Paul led Los Angeles with 35 points, tying a career playoff high. □

NHL Continued

Continued from Page 19

Marian Hossa also scored, and the Blackhawks took the early lead in this first-round series.

Game 2 is Friday at the United Center.

The Blackhawks finally put this one away when Johnny Oduya chipped the puck off the boards to Viktor Stalberg on the right side. Stalberg then dished it to Bickell on the two-on-one rush in front for the win-

ner at 16:35.

Ducks 3, Red Wings 1
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Teemu Selanne scored the tiebreaking power-play goal early in the third period and Jonas Hiller made 21 saves.

Nick Bonino also scored a power-play goal, and Francois Beauchemin added an empty-netter for the second-seeded Ducks. They hung on in the final minutes of the opener in just their second playoff se-

ries in four years.

The 42-year-old Selanne came up with yet another huge goal for the Pacific Division champions, putting a perfectly placed one-timer over Jimmy Howard's shoulder while gliding backward.

Howard stopped 24 shots and Daniel Cleary scored on a power play for the Red Wings in their 22nd consecutive postseason appearance. Game 2 is Thursday at Honda Center. □



Minnesota Wild's Josh Harding stops a shot by Chicago Blackhawks' Patrick Kane (88) during the second period of Game 1 of an NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoff series Tuesday, April 30, 2013, in Chicago.

Associated Press

2-year-old girl gets windpipe made from stem cells

LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — A 2-year-old girl born without a windpipe now has a new one grown from her own stem cells, the youngest patient in the world to benefit from the experimental treatment. Hannah Warren has been

unable to breathe, eat, drink or swallow on her own since she was born in South Korea in 2010. Until the operation at a U.S. hospital, she had spent her entire life in a hospital in Seoul. Doctors there told her parents there was no hope and they expected her to die.

The stem cells came from Hannah's bone marrow, extracted with a special needle inserted into her hip bone. They were seeded in a lab onto a plastic scaffold, where it took less than a week for them to multiply and create a new windpipe. The windpipe was implant-

ed April 9 in a nine-hour procedure. Early signs indicate the windpipe is working, Hannah's doctors announced Tuesday, although she is still on a ventilator. They believe she will eventually be able to live at home and lead a normal life. "We feel like she's reborn,"

said Hannah's father, Darryl Warren. "They hope that she can do everything that a normal child can do but it's going to take time. This is a brand new road that all of us are on," he said in a telephone interview. "This is her only chance but she's got a fantastic one and an unbelievable one."

Warren choked up and his wife, Lee Young-mi, was teary-eyed at a hospital news conference Tuesday. Hannah did not attend because she is still recovering from the surgery. She developed an infection after the operation but now is acting like a healthy 2-year-old, her doctors said.

Warren said he hopes the family can bring Hannah home for the first time in a month or so. Hannah turns 3 in August.

"It's going to be amazing for us to finally be together as a family of four," he said. The couple has an older daughter.

Only about one in 50,000 children worldwide are born with the windpipe defect. The stem-cell technique has been used to make other body parts besides windpipes and holds promise for treating other birth defects and childhood diseases, her doctors said.

The operation brought together an Italian surgeon based in Sweden who pioneered the technique, a pediatric surgeon at Children's Hospital of Illinois who met Hannah's family while on a business trip to South Korea, and Hannah — born to a Newfoundland man and Korean woman who married after he moved to that country to teach English.

Hannah's parents had read about Dr. Paolo Macchiarini's success using stem-cell based tracheas but couldn't afford to pay for the operation at his center, the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. So Dr. Mark Holterman helped the family arrange to have the procedure at his hospital, bringing in Macchiarini to lead the operation. □

Hospitals now utilizing germ-zapping 'robots'

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — They sweep. They swab. They sterilize. And still the germs persist.

In U.S. hospitals, an estimated 1 in 20 patients pick up infections they didn't have when they arrived, some caused by dangerous 'superbugs' that are hard to treat. The rise of these superbugs, along with in-

prevented infections or deaths.

Meanwhile, insurers are pushing hospitals to do a better job and the government's Medicare program has moved to stop paying bills for certain infections caught in the hospital.

"We're seeing a culture change" in hospitals, said Jennie Mayfield, who tracks infections at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

showed unsanitary conditions were hurting patients. Hospital hygiene has been a concern ever since, with a renewed emphasis triggered by the emergence a decade ago of a nasty strain of intestinal bug called *Clostridium difficile*, or C-diff.

The diarrhea-causing C-diff is now linked to 14,000 U.S. deaths annually. That's been the catalyst for the

ter yet, wear gloves. And rooms should be cleaned intensively with bleach, the CDC says.

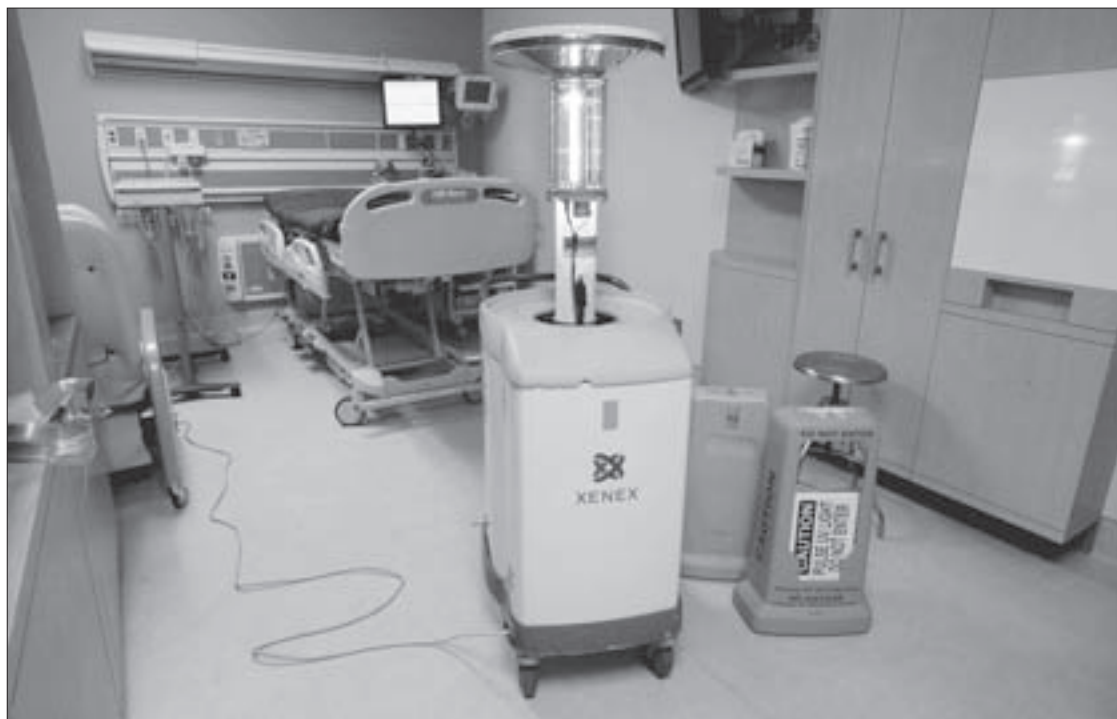
Michael Claes developed a bad case of C-diff while he was a kidney patient last fall at New York City's Lenox Hill Hospital. He and his doctor believe he caught it at the hospital. Claes praised his overall care, but felt the hospital's room cleaning and infection control was less than perfect. "I would use the word 'perfunctory,'" he said. Lenox Hill spokeswoman Ann Silverman disputed that characterization, noting hospital workers are making efforts that patients often can't see, like using hand cleansers dispensers in hallways. She ticked off a list of measures used to prevent the spread of germs, ranging from educating patients' family members to isolation and other protective steps with each C-diff patient.

The hospital's C-diff infection rate is lower than the state average, she said.

Westchester Medical Center, a 643-bed hospital in the suburbs of New York City has also been hit by cases of C-diff and the other superbugs.

Complicating matters is the fact that larger proportions of hospital patients today are sicker and more susceptible to the ravages of infections, said Dr. Marisa Montecalvo, a contagious diseases specialist at Westchester.

There's a growing recognition that it's not only surgical knives and operating rooms that need a thorough cleaning but also spots like bed rails and even television remote controls, she said. □



Using ultraviolet light, a machine disinfects a hospital room at the Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, N.Y. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

creased pressure from the government and insurers, is driving hospitals to try all sorts of new approaches to stop their spread:

Machines that resemble "Star Wars" robots and emit ultraviolet light or hydrogen peroxide vapors. Germ-resistant copper bed rails, call buttons and IV poles. Antimicrobial linens, curtains and wall paint.

While these products can help get a room clean, their true impact is still debatable. There is no widely-accepted evidence that these inventions have

Those hospital infections are tied to an estimated 100,000 deaths each year and add as much as \$30 billion a year in medical costs, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The agency last month sounded an alarm about a "nightmare bacteria" resistant to one class of antibiotics. That kind is still rare but it showed up last year in at least 200 hospitals.

Hospitals started paying attention to infection control in the late 1880s, when mounting evidence

growing focus on infection control, said Mayfield, who is also president-elect of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology.

C-diff is easier to treat than some other hospital superbugs, like methicillin-resistant staph, or MRSA, but it's particularly difficult to clean away. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers don't work and C-diff can persist on hospital room surfaces for days. The CDC recommends hospital staff clean their hands rigorously with soap and water — or bet-

Google's virtual assistant invades Siri's turf

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Google is trying to upstage Siri, the sometimes droll assistant that answers questions and helps people manage their lives on Apple's iPhone and iPad.

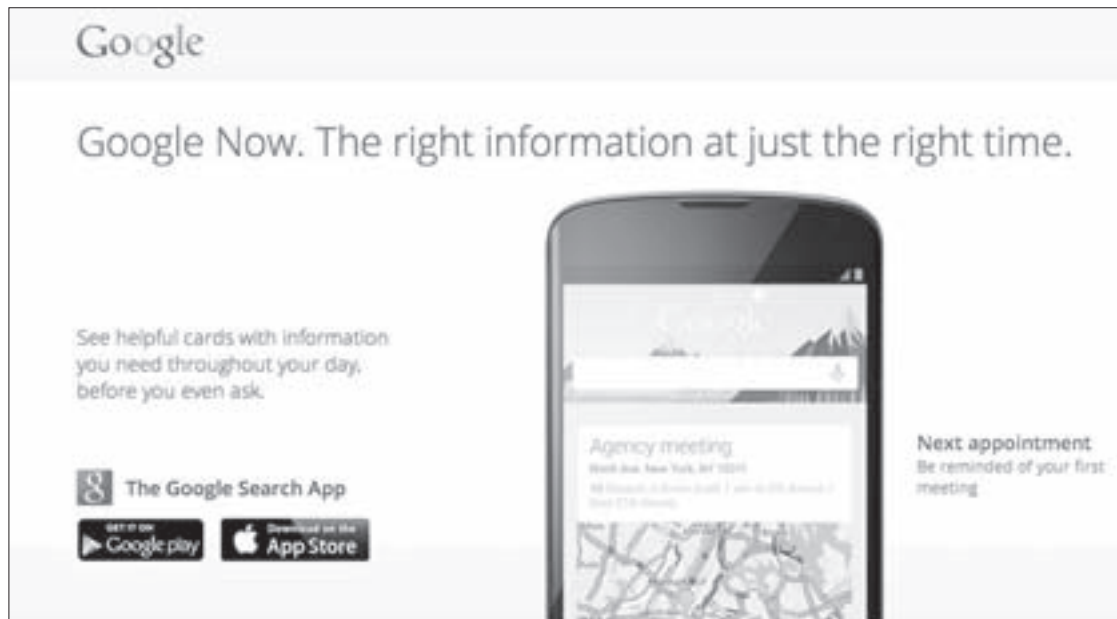
The duel began Monday with the release of a free iPhone and iPad app that features Google Now, a technology that performs many of the same functions as Siri.

It's the first time that Google Now has been available on smartphones and tablet computers that aren't running on the latest version of Google's Android software. The technology, which debuted nine months ago, is being included in an upgrade to Google's search application for iOS, the Apple Inc. software that powers the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch. It's up to each user to decide whether to activate Google Now within the redesigned Google Search app, which is available through Apple's app store.

Google Now's invasion of Siri's turf marks Google Inc.'s latest attempt to lure iPhone and iPad users away from a service that Apple built into its own devices.

Google quickly won over millions of iPhone users in December when it released a mapping application to replace the navigation system that Apple dumped when it redesigned iOS last fall. Apple's maps application proved to be inferior to Google's ousted service. The app's bugs and glitches made Apple the butt of jokes and fueled demand for Google to develop a new option.

Apple has been losing to Google on other fronts in a rapidly growing mobile computing market, an arena that was revolutionized with the iPhone's release in 2007. Smartphones and tablet computers running Google's free Android software have been steadily expanding their market share in recent years, partly because they tend to be less expensive than the



This undated image made available by Google shows "Google Now." Google is trying to upstage Siri, the sometimes droll assistant that answers questions and helps people manage their lives on Apple's iPhone and iPad. Associated Press

How Siri, Google Now respond to 5 questions

The Associated Press

With Google's voice assistant now available on iPhones and iPads, The Associated Press used an iPad Mini to throw five test questions at Google Now and Siri on Monday afternoon in New York. Here's what the two digital assistants had to say for themselves:

Question: What is the meaning of life?

Siri: "I can't answer that now, but give me some time to write a very long play in which nothing happens." Siri has more than a dozen prepared responses to that question. Google Now: The voice assistant was silent. Instead, keywords in that question triggered an ad for the Mormons on the top of the search results page. That was followed by links to a Wikipedia entry for "meaning of life" and other sites.

Question: What is the weather like Friday?

Siri: "It should be nice Friday... up to 61 degrees and sunny." Siri also presented a graphic with day-by-day conditions over the next six days, using information from Yahoo.

Google Now: "Friday's forecast for New York, New York, is 64 degrees and clear." Google then presented a box with day-by-day conditions over the next 10 days, as well as current conditions.

Question: What movies are showing this weekend?

Siri: "I found five movies playing nearby on Friday." Siri then presented a card with show times, parental ratings and favorability ratings from the Rotten Tomatoes website. Four of the movies were at art-house cinemas, as theater chains hadn't released weekend schedules yet. Links to buy or rent those movies on iTunes were offered when available.

Google Now: "Movies playing in New York on Friday." Google then offered a page with times, descriptions and other information for 13 movies, including six IMAX movies playing at science museums in New York and Jersey City, New Jersey. As with Siri, most of the rest were at art-house cinemas.

Question: How did the Mets do?

Siri: "The Mets lost to the Phillies yesterday. The final score was 5 to 1." An inning-by-inning scoreboard was presented.

Google Now: "The Mets lost to the Phillies 5 to 1." An inning-by-inning scoreboard was offered up.

Question: Please set my alarm for seven.

Siri: "I've set an alarm for 7 a.m." Siri assumed 7 the next morning rather than 7 that evening. Siri then showed a digital clock with a lever at "on," which you can switch to "off."

Google Now: The voice assistant was silent. Instead, search results appeared, including an article on "How to Use Siri's Clock - For Dummies." □

iPhone and iPad. At the end of 2012, Android devices held about 69 percent of the smartphone market

while iOS held about 19 percent, according to the research firm IDC. Android's success has

been particularly galling for Apple because its late CEO Steve Jobs believed Google stole many of its

ideas for the software from the iPhone. That led to a series of court battles over alleged patent infringement, including a high-profile trial last year that culminated in Apple winning hundreds of millions in damages from Samsung Electronics, the top seller of Android phones. That dispute is still embroiled in appeals.

The rise of Android also is squeezing Apple's profit margins, and has contributed to a nearly 40 percent drop in the company's stock price since it peaked at \$705.07 last September around the time that the iPhone 5 came out.

Android's popularity is good news for Google because the company's services are built into most versions of the operating system. That brings more traffic to Google services, creating more opportunities for the company to sell ads — the main source of Google's revenue.

Siri is billed by Apple as an "intelligent feature." Since the technology's release in October 2011, Apple has made it a centerpiece of some marketing campaigns that depict Siri and its automated female voice as an endearing and occasionally even pithy companion.

When asked for an opinion about Google Now, Siri responded: "If it's all the same to you, I'd rather Google later."

Google believes its Siri counterpart is smarter because Google Now is designed to learn about a user's preferences and then provide helpful information before it's even asked to do so.

The technology draws upon information that Google gleans from search requests other interactions with the company's other services. Knowing a person's location also helps Google Now serve up helpful information without being asked.

"This concept of predicting your needs and showing you them at the right time is unique to Google Now," said Baris Gultekin, Google Now's director of product management. □

Stocks sink as economic outlook dims; Dow off 138



Traders gather at a post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Wednesday, May 1, 2013. The stock market lost steam after a survey showed U.S. companies added the fewest jobs in seven months and Merck reported a lower quarterly profit.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Signs of a slowing economy dragged down the stock market Wednesday. Even the prospect of continued stimulus from the Federal Reserve

didn't help. Major market indexes fell by 0.9 percent, their worst decline in two weeks. Small-company stocks fell even more, 2.5 percent, as investors shunned risk. The yield on the benchmark

U.S. government bond fell to its lowest of the year as investors sought safety. Stocks opened lower and kept sagging throughout the day, hurt by reports of a slowdown in hiring and manufacturing last month.

Discouraging earnings news from major U.S. companies also dragged the market lower.

"Investors are going to be rattled by these numbers," said Colleen Supran, a principal at San Francisco based-Bingham, Osborn & Scarborough. She expects stock market swings to increase following the early gains of the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 138.85 points to 14,700 points. Merck, the giant drug company, had one of the biggest falls in the Dow after reporting earnings that disappointed investors. The Dow had risen for four days straight.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index, a broader market measure, dropped 14.87 to 1,582.70.

The stock market was down even after the Federal Reserve stood by its easy-money policies after a two-day policy meeting.

The Fed is maintaining its \$85-billion-a-month bond-buying program, begun in 2008, which aims to keep

interest rates low to encourage borrowing, spending and investing.

The Fed also raised concerns about the economy, noting that tax increases and spending cuts that kicked in this year are slowing growth. The central bank made clear that it could increase or decrease its bond purchases depending on the performance of the job market and inflation.

John Lynch, chief regional investment officer at Wells Fargo said: "If you get a market that is purely built on free money, as opposed to solid fundamentals, investors should take pause."

The Fed's program has been one of the supporting factors behind the stock market's rally this year. The S&P 500 reached record highs in April and has risen every month in 2013, gaining 11 percent so far this year.

The market has stumbled in recent weeks following several reports suggesting the economy might be weakening. □

Marriott 1Q climbs on higher rates, group events

NEW YORK (AP) — Marriott International Inc. says it turned a better-than-expected profit in its first quarter thanks to higher room rates and a return of events by large groups.

The company, based in Bethesda, Md., said Wednesday that it earned \$136 million, or 43 cents per share, in the three-month period that ended March 31. That's up from \$104 million, or 31 cents per share, a year ago. A change in the company's fiscal year meant nine extra days in the quarter this year compared to last.

Revenue in the quarter rose 23 percent to \$3.14 billion, topping Wall Street's expectations for earnings of 40 cents per share and revenue of \$2.94 billion, according to FactSet.

The company's revenue per available room — or REVPAR — was \$97.48, up 4.6 percent from the prior

year. That key figure increased thanks to slightly higher occupancies and a 3.8 percent gain in the rates charged to guests.

The largest gains came at its international luxury hotels, which saw a 4 percent climb in occupancy and a 10.7 percent gain in REVPAR. Europe continued to drag, with a 1.8 percent drop in REVPAR.

The company expects that figure to increase 4.5 to 7 percent in North America, 3 to 5 percent outside North America and 4 to 7 percent worldwide for the full year.

Marriott doesn't own most of the hotels in its system but makes money off either managing or franchising its 18 brands; including Ritz-Carlton, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Courtyard, SpringHill Suites and Renaissance.

The largest gains in North America came from its high-end Ritz-Carlton

brand.

"Our business has seen dramatic recovery in the past few years," Arne M. Sorenson, Marriott president and CEO said in a statement. "Our business is highly resilient. Our first quarter fee revenue exceeded our expectations."

Lucrative corporate events, retreats and other group bookings that were frowned upon during the depths of the recession are also returning.

The group booking pace for the Marriott Hotels and Resorts brand in North America for the remainder of 2013 is up 4 percent, something the company said reflects a "somewhat more cautious short-term corporate group demand." Things look better next year, with the 2014 booking pace up 5 percent, compared to a 4 percent decline just a year ago. □



Marriott International Inc. says it turned a better-than-expected profit in its first quarter thanks to higher room rates and a return of events by large groups.

(Handout Photo)

Visa card use up; 2Q profit slips near 2%

ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Visa Inc. said Wednesday that its net income slipped nearly 2 percent in the first three months of this year from the year before, when the company benefited from an adjustment to its income tax provision. The payments processing company's latest results still trumped Wall Street's estimates, lifting its shares 2.4 percent higher in after-hours trading.

The company, based in Forest City, Calif., said Americans rang up \$255 billion using Visa-branded credit cards, an increase of 9 percent from a year earlier. But debit card use was essentially flat.

Combined credit and debit card transactions worldwide in the quarter grew 4.2 percent to \$1.61 trillion. The growth in spending by cardholders echoed the results reported earlier in the day by rival MasterCard Inc.

Sales at U.S. retailers — a key indicator of consumer spending — declined a seasonally adjusted 0.4 percent in March. That followed a 1 percent gain in February and a 0.1 percent decline in January.

Still, that didn't slow spending by holders of credit cards from issuers American Express and Capital One Financial.

Visa doesn't issue cards. It makes money from processing charge card transactions, so it benefits from heightened consumer spending.

For the fiscal second-quarter, Visa reported net income of \$1.27 billion, or \$1.92 per share. That compares with net income of \$1.29 billion, or \$1.91 per share, in the same period last year.

The prior-year results included a one-time non-cash adjustment of \$208 million related to the company's income tax provision.

Revenue in the latest quarter rose nearly 15 percent to \$2.96 billion from \$2.58 billion a year earlier. □

Detroit boosted by truck sales; Honda, Nissan gain

DEE-ANN DURBIN

TOM KRISHER

AP Auto Writers

DETROIT (AP) — Ford, GM, Chrysler and Nissan all reported double-digit U.S. sales increases last month, signaling the best April for car and truck sales in six years. A rebound in pickup truck sales led the way, especially for the Detroit automakers. Small businesses are replacing aging trucks

7 percent, led by the CR-V small crossover SUV, while Hyundai sales were up 2 percent on strong sales of the Elantra compact. The only laggards were Toyota, with a sales decline of 1 percent, and Volkswagen, with a drop of 10 percent. Americans continue to buy new cars and trucks even though unemployment remains high and economic signals of late have

best month ever with sales of nearly 8,100. But the Chrysler brand struggled, with sales falling 13 percent.

Ford Motor Co. sold 212,584 cars and trucks. The F-series pickup remains the best-selling vehicle in the U.S. Sales totaled 59,000 in April. And sales of the redesigned Escape SUV rose 52 percent. General Motors Co. reported sales

on the top-selling Altima to \$4,400, on the Armada big SUV.

VW's sales drop was led by its top-seller, the Passat midsize car, which fell 10 percent.

Despite a slight drop, Toyota was optimistic about the rest of the year. Sales chief Bill Fay said the overall market increase is a good sign for all automakers, "especially with new products, low interest rates and plenty of pent-up demand."

Chrysler predicted that total U.S. sales will hit an annual rate of 15.4 million in April. That's a little higher than most analysts' predictions. April is likely to be the sixth straight month of sales above a 15 million yearly pace. Barring an unexpected event that causes a real estate price collapse or rapidly rising job losses, there's little to stop sales from growing further in the next few years, industry analysts say.

"I don't see any significant hurdles on the horizon," said Alec Gutierrez, a senior market analyst at Kelley Blue Book. "I don't see us taking a step back, provided the unemployment rate at least holds steady." He expects U.S. auto sales to end the year around 15.3 million cars and trucks, up 5.5 percent from last year's 14.5 million.

U.S. unemployment stands at a stubbornly high 7.6 percent, but that hasn't slowed auto sales much.

Aside from unemployment, almost every factor that affects car and truck sales is positive. Interest rates are low — the average four-year loan on a new car is 2.4 percent, according to Bankrate.com. □



In this Thursday, April 25, 2013, photo, GMC trucks are lined up on the lot of Capitol City Buick Pontiac GMC in Montpelier, Vt. Ford, GM, Chrysler and Nissan all reported double-digit U.S. sales increases last month, signaling the best April for car and truck sales in six years, Wednesday, May 1, 2013.

that they've kept since the Great Recession.

Ford's sales increased 18 percent, with the F-Series pickup gaining 24 percent. At Chrysler, sales rose 11 percent, led by the Ram pickup, with a 49 percent sales increase. GM also saw an 11 percent sales jump, with Chevrolet Silverado pickup sales rising 28 percent for the month. Nissan reported a 23 percent sales gain over April of 2012. Honda sales rose

been mixed. All automakers report monthly sales Wednesday, and industry analysts expect an overall increase of around 10 percent over April of last year. That would make it the best April since 2007.

Chrysler Group LLC said it sold 156,698 cars and trucks last month. Sales of the Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV increased 27 percent. Dodge brand sales rose 18 percent, with the Dart compact car posting its

of 237,646 cars and trucks. Even with gas prices on the decline, compact cars remain popular. Sales of the Chevy Cruze rose 21 percent. Nissan saw demand for the recently redesigned Altima midsize car and Sentra compact. The company also took a step toward boosting future sales. It announced price cuts on seven models that make up 65 percent of its U.S. sales. The cuts, effective on Friday, run from \$580

Caesars' 1Q loss shrinks; still misses estimate

HANNAH DREIER

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Casino operator Caesars Entertainment Corp. posted a smaller loss for its first quarter on Wednesday, but results still missed expectations as a drop in visitors dragged down revenue.

Caesars owns or manages more than 50 casinos, most of them in the U.S. and Brit-

ain. In addition to its Las Vegas and Atlantic City, New Jersey, resorts, Caesars operates properties in Indiana, Louisiana and several other states. U.S. casinos, however, have been slow to recover from the economic downturn and Caesars is the only major U.S. casino company without a presence in the Chinese gambling enclave

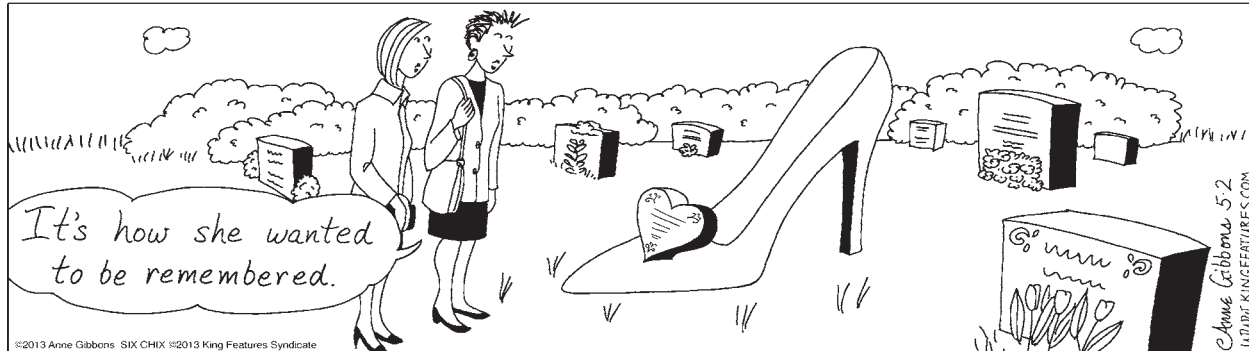
of Macau. Rival gaming companies Wynn Resorts Ltd. and Las Vegas Sands have both reported gains for the first three months of the year, helped by their lucrative Macau properties. Revenue slipped 3 percent to \$2.14 billion from \$2.21 billion as its Atlantic City properties continued to be hurt by the slow recovery from Hurricane Sandy and

customers spent less at its other casinos. Caesars' average daily room rates remained flat, and its occupancy rates decreased by nearly 3 percentage points, driven especially by empty rooms in Atlantic City. Caesars linked the drop in visitors to weak consumer sentiment, particularly among less affluent customers. □

Mutts



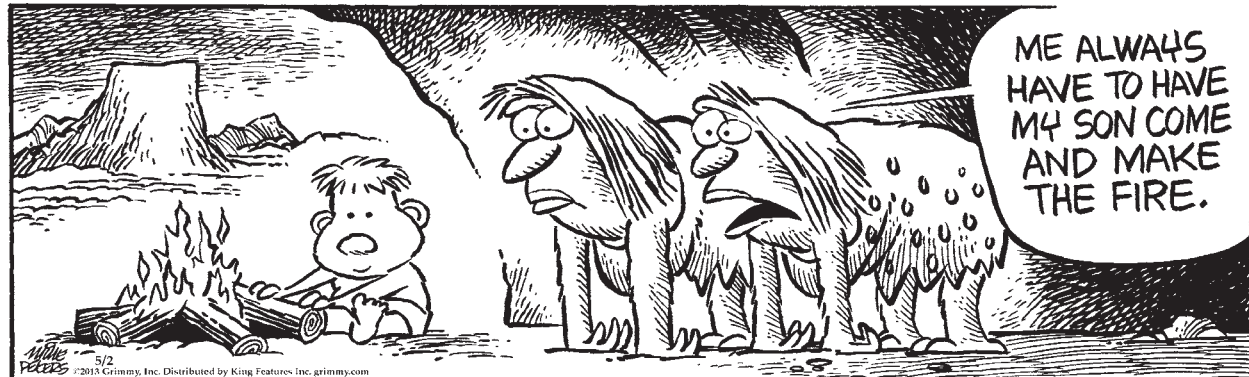
6 Chix



Blondie



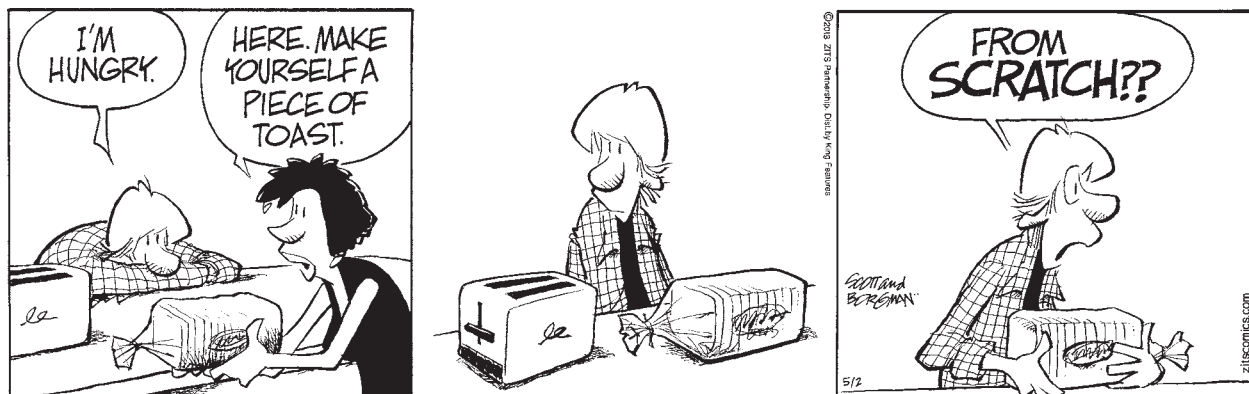
Mother Goose & Grimm



Baby Blues



Zits



Conceptis Sudoku

				3		1		
		8		7	1			
	7		4					5
		6					8	
5	8						2	4
	9					7		
9					5		3	
			1	6		5		
		7		8				

Difficulty Level ★★★

5/02

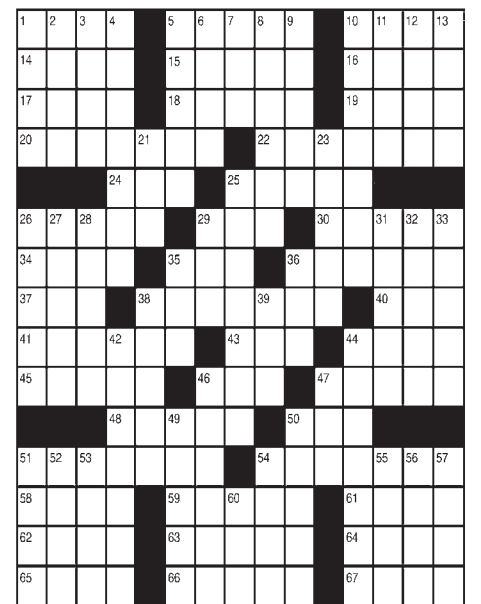
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

1	9	4	5	3	2	8	6	7
2	3	8	7	6	1	9	4	5
6	7	5	9	8	4	3	1	2
7	2	3	6	5	8	4	9	1
8	6	1	4	7	9	5	2	3
4	5	9	1	2	3	6	7	8
9	1	2	3	4	5	7	8	6
5	8	7	2	9	6	1	3	4
3	4	6	8	1	7	2	5	9

ACROSS

- Drinks through a straw
 - Hindu teacher
 - High point
 - Money, slangily
 - ___ of Troy; lady of Greek myth
 - ___back; relaxed
 - Vase-shaped pitcher
 - Cream of the crop
 - Zesty taste
 - Marred
 - Galore
 - Afternoon rest
 - Church table
 - Does' mates
 - Yrbk. section
 - Discontinue
 - Telegraph
 - Baby's eating accessory
 - Raised center of the highway
 - ___ all relative
 - Very angry
 - Perish
 - Sandbanks
 - Pull hard
 - Steerer's place
 - Fonda or Winkler
 - ___ person; apiece
 - Full of lather
 - Slightly more than 39 inches
 - Food fish
 - Sinful
 - Cowboy seats
 - Grizzly, for one
 - Epic by Homer
 - Actress Falana
 - Tiny bit of land in the ocean
 - Shelf
 - Rams' mates
 - Lean-to
 - Brown ermine
 - Bad grades
- DOWN**
- Snow vehicle
 - Des Moines, ___
 - "The Raven" or "Trees"
 - Peculiar
 - Flock member
 - Tuesday of film
 - Laila or her dad
 - Copper and tin
 - Bumbling
 - Changed a bit
 - Actor James
 - After-dinner candy
 - Nervous
 - Car fuel
 - Shoestrings
 - Dispute settler
 - Mouthwash
 - Directions verb
 - Give a tenth to the church
 - Firebug's crime
 - Gentleman
 - Assisted
 - Jib & spinnaker
 - Foe
 - Public transport
 - Big coffee cup
 - Advertising circular
 - Belonging to us
 - Like a knight clad in steel
 - Crowded together
 - Air rifle BB
 - Layer of turf
 - Coin toss call
 - U.S. Military Academy pupil
 - Wading bird
 - Net fabric
 - Boy or man
 - Long tale
 - Actor Rob ___
 - Civil War Gen. Robert ___
 - Impudent talk
 - Wedding words



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

5/2/13

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

TESTS	SHAH	MOBS
AWARE	PILE	ANEW
REFER	EVER	NILE
PREAMBLE	AGEOLD	
TOOL	CLEANSE	
LARYNX	CADET	
OWE	SEALS	KEELS
LEER	RIOTS	RAIL
ASKEW	DUETS	SKI
CIVET	OUSTED	
ARMORED	LAMP	
WAIVER	DETAILED	
FILE	SARA	TRADE
USER	EYED	RANGE
LESS	SEWS	ALDER

(c) 2013 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

5/2/13

Online, everyone can be a makeup critic

TATIANA BONCOMPAGNI

© 2013 New York Times

Matin Maulawizada, a makeup artist based in New York, used to spend hours prowling department stores' beauty floors to find out what was new and noteworthy. Now, Maulawizada, the global artistry director for Laura Mercier, likes to log on to Pampadour.com, a sleek new beauty-focused so-

simple," said Julie Mahloch, a founder of Bloom, based in Omaha, Neb.

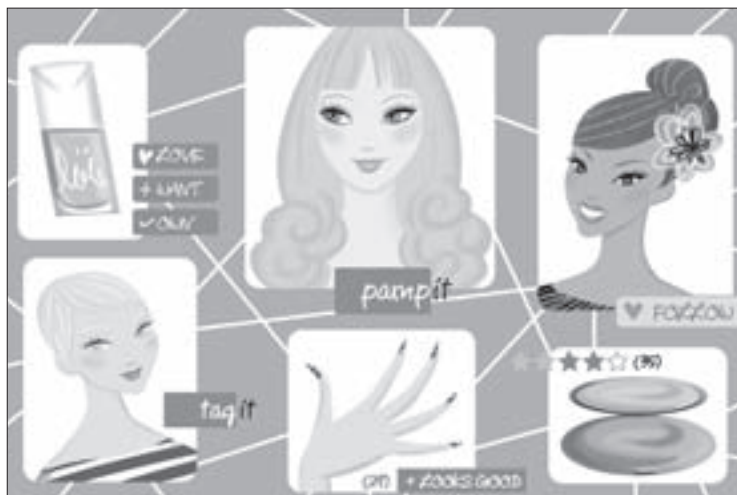
Two sites in Britain, SheSaidBeauty.com and Baobella.com, went live in July 2012 and March 2013, respectively. The chief executive of SheSaidBeauty.com, Ben Aronsten, said his company has several hundred thousand viewers a month, half of whom live in the United States.

Highlighter, a shimmering pink fluid that comes in a nail-polish-like bottle, has earned high marks.)

Sephora, the retail chain, runs BeautyTalk, a social network, on its website. Members of the network are awarded one of 36 rankings (among them, "newcomer" and "hall of famer") based on how many answers they respond to on company-moderated message boards and how many other members "heart" those responses.

The company, which declined to say how many customers belong to its social platform, gives so-called super-users advance information on new products and website changes before others, but no other compensation for their efforts.

Some users spend more than 30 hours a week on the site, said Bridget Dolan, a vice president for digital marketing at Sephora. "It really is about social credibility," Dolan said. It's also about sales: She said BeautyTalk members tend to spend significantly more at the company than other online customers. □



On new beauty-focused social networks, amateurs and professionals can see which products are new and popular, and offer reviews of their own.

(Coco Masuda/The New York Times)

cial network, to see what products colleagues are using – or, in the company's parlance, "pamping." "It really saves me time," Maulawizada said.

Quietly introduced at the end of February, Pampadour says it has already signed up more than 3,000 users, many of them beauty professionals. The site has joined a small but growing number of social platforms that allow members to tag and review cosmetics with others in their network, potentially shifting power from traditional retailers.

Among them are Bloom.com, which has accrued about 250,000 members since it started in August 2011. Like Pampadour, Bloom allows users to upload pictures of hair, makeup and nail looks they've created, as well as tag the products they've used in those looks. But Bloom, which boasts a database of 50,000 products from 700 companies, is also able to direct members to Web retailers where some of those products may be sold.

"It is designed to connect the dots and make beauty

SheSaidBeauty features the popular Beauty Shelf, which allows users to tag their favorite products as well as the ones they want to buy. (Benefit High Beam

Tel: 582-0697 / 583-7484
Schotland str. 70

Extend your Stay at

Quality Apartments

- *Studio & Loft Apts.
- *Kitchen / Airco / Cable TV
- *Fully Furnished
- *Swimming Pool

Less than 1 mile from Eagle Beach & 4 large supermarkets.

Feel free to contact or visit us.

Mon - Fri: 8am-7pm. Sat & Sun: 9am-5pm.

FOR SALE

Koyari 36 F

Lovely 2 storey home with relaxing swimming pool and 6 bedrooms!

Total constr. area is 327 m², built on 611 m² of land. Property comes fully fenced, nicely landscaped, bomanite walkways and terraces, drip-system, L-shape swimming-pool, kitchen with appliances, fully airconditioned, gazebo, and much more.

US \$ 420.787,-

Century 21

Best & Solid Real Estate

Palm Beach 4-G
Tel.: 586 4242
www.arubahouses.com

Classifieds

FOR SALE

Time Share resales from owners
Divi Aruba property
floating wks from 3/16 to 12/4
Studio, 1br prices start at \$3600
rentals other wks avail.
e-mail: rmwjmwa@aol.com
508-651-0016

199338

FOR SALE

La Cabana wk 13, sun-sun
Studio, sleeps 4
newly renovated, ocean and
pool view \$5500
Denise 847-446-4223
denisehgibson@gmail.com

199142

BUSINESS

OPPORTUNITY

SeaDine underwater fish feed
company US, Aruba,
Netherlands patents and
trademarks # 1 in the
Caribbean.
chris@seadine.com

199346

FOR SALE

La Cabana
wks 13-14-15 Suite 205 A
1 bdr Friday fixed wks same Rm
wks 30 and 34 Suite 108 B Sun
1 br \$6000 Studio \$4000 or best
offer Noreen in USA 631-591-3020

199418

250K US 1 mile from beach,
turnkey 3 bd 2 bath new villa
granite counter top kitchen
stainless steel appliances.
Open area vault ceiling central
air, water heater, security
system
+297 593 0946 AUA
+ 1 702 862 0711 USA

198863

FOR SALE

Time share for sale
Marriott Surf Club
2 bdr, ocean view, gold
asking \$12,000 or best offer
Call Pete 732-254-6638
E-mail: petegadz@hotmail.com

199410

FOR RENT

One week La Quinta
from 11-18 May
Call: 593-8551

199406



DOCTOR ON DUTY

Oranjestad
Dr. J. Croes



EMERGENCIA

911



POLIS	100
POLIS	581-1100
ORANJESTAD	582-4000
NOORD	587-0009
STA. CRUZ	585-4710
SAVANETA	584-7000
SAN NICOLAS	584-5000
FIRE DEPT.	115
FIRE DEPT.	582-1108
POLIS TIPLINE	11141
HOSPITAL	527-4000
AMBULANCE	582-1234
SAN NICOLAS	
AMBULANCE	584-5050

PHARMACY

O'STAD Sta. Anna Tel: 586-8181
S. NICOLAS San Nicolas Tel: 584-5712

SERVICES

INFORMATION	118
SETAR	582-2116
TAXI	582-5900
TAXI-TAS	587-5900
PROF. TAXI	588-0035
TAXI D.T.S.	587-2300
SERVICE ARUBA	583-3232

CRUISESHIP

Carnival Breeze

Aruba Aiport	524-2424
American Airline	582-2700
Avianca	588-0059
Dutch Antilles	588-1900
Insel Air	588-9314
Jet Blue	588-2244
Spirit Airlines	582-7117
Tiara Air	588-4272
Venezolana	583-7674

FOUNDATION

FELLOWSHIP CLINIC

Tel: 584-6440
Alcoholism & Drug Addiction,
Anonymity guaranteed

FUNDACION

Anti-Droga

Aruba

(FADA) Tel: 583-2999

FUNDACION

Respetami

Tel: 582-4433

Diabetic Foundation

Arubano

Tel: 583-3808

Narcotics Anonymous

Tel: 583-8989

Foundation Amor

pa Prohimo

Tel: 583-3345 / 586-6976

Women in Difficulties

Foundation

Tel: 583-5400

Bloodbank Aruba

Tel: 587-0002

Scholars find cannibalism at Jamestown settlement

BRETT ZONGKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists revealed Wednesday that they have found the first solid archaeological evidence that some of the earliest American colonists at Jamestown, Virginia, survived harsh conditions by turning to cannibalism.

For years, there have been tales of people in the first permanent English settlement in America eating dogs, cats, rats, mice, snakes and shoe leather to stave off starvation. There were also written accounts of settlers eating their own dead, but archaeologists had been skeptical of those stories.

But now, the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History and archaeologists from Jamestown are announcing the discovery of the bones of a 14-year-old girl that show clear signs that she was cannibalized. Evidence indicates clumsy chops to the body and head of the girl, who appears to have already been dead at the time.

Smithsonian forensic anthropologist Douglas Owsley said the human remains date back to a deadly winter known as the "starving time" in Jamestown from 1609 to 1610. Hundreds died during the period. Scientists have said the settlers likely arrived during the worst drought in 800 years, bringing severe food shortages for the 6,000 people who lived at Jamestown between 1607 and 1625. The historical record is chilling. Early Jamestown colony leader George Percy wrote of a "world of mis-

eries," that included digging up corpses from their graves to eat when there was nothing else. "Nothing was spared to maintain life," he wrote.

In one case, a man killed, "salted," and began eating his pregnant wife. Both Percy and Capt. John Smith, the colony's most famous leader, documented the account in their writ-

somewhat skeptical of the stories of cannibalism in the past because there was no solid proof, until now.

"Historians have questioned, well did it happen or not happen?" Owsley said. "And this is very convincing evidence that it did."

Owsley has been working with William Kelso, the chief archaeologist at James-

early American history.

"I think we are better served by understanding history, warts and all, because I think it gives us a better understanding of who we are as a people," James Horn said.

Owsley, who has also done forensic analysis for police investigations, examined the girl's remains and how the body had been

The human skull will be placed on display at Jamestown, and a sign will warn visitors of the room's content. At the Smithsonian, curators will display a computer-generated reconstruction of the girl's face in an exhibit about life at Jamestown.

Owsley said archaeology is helping to fill in details from a time when few records

were kept — details that won't likely be found in history books.

Kelso, whose archaeology team discovered the bones, said the girl's bones will be displayed to help tell a story, not to be a spectacle. Through the remains, scientists traced her likely origin to the coast of southern England.

"We found her in a trash dump, uncere- moniously trashed and cannibalized, and now her story can be told," Kelso said. "People will be able to empathize with the time and history and think to themselves, as I do: What would I do to stay alive?"

At Jamestown, officials removed a large tarp covering the site where there remains were found for visitors

to see. Tourists were told Wednesday of the discovery.

"Oh, wow," said Kim Reyes, who was on a field trip escorting fourth grade students from Alexandria, Virginia. "We all know the harsh conditions they were here in, but I didn't think it was that bad."

Pam Nagle's mouth dropped when she heard the announcement. She was visiting Jamestown with her children, ages 7 and 10, and her in-laws. Nagle said she had never heard any mention of cannibalism at Jamestown before.

"I was really curious whether it was pre- or post-mortem. I was really glad he said post-mortem," she said. "There was a level of desperation, but maybe perhaps it wasn't as severe as it could've been." □



Doug Owsley, division head for Physical Anthropology at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, displays the skull and facial reconstruction of "Jane of Jamestown" during a news conference at the museum in Washington, Wednesday, May 1, 2013.

Associated Press

ings. The man was later executed.

"One amongst the rest did kill his wife, powdered her, and had eaten part of her before it was known, for which he was executed, as he well deserved," Smith wrote. "Now whether she was better roasted, boiled or carbonado'd (barbecued), I know not, but of such a dish as powdered wife I never heard of."

Archaeologists at Jamestown and Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia were

town, since their first burial discovery in 1996.

The remains of the 14-year-old girl, named "Jane" by researchers, were discovered in the summer of 2012 and mark the fourth set of human remains uncovered at Jamestown outside of graves. Her remains were found in a cellar at the site that had been filled with trash, including bones of horses and other animals consumed in desperation, according to archaeologists.

The discovery detracts from the happier mythology of John Smith and Pocahontas that many associate with Jamestown. The vice president of research at nearby Colonial Williamsburg, which oversees excavations of the original Jamestown site, said visitors will have a fuller view of a terrible time in

dismembered, including chops to the front and back of the head. The girl was likely already dead at the time. There was a cultural stigma against killing someone for food.

But it was clear to Owsley immediately that there were signs of cannibalism. "This does represent a clear case of dismemberment of the body and removing of tissues for consumption," he said.

It was the work of someone not skilled at butchering, Owsley said, indicating a sense of desperation.

The bones show a bizarre attempt to open the skull, he said. Animal brains and facial tissue were desirable meat in the 17th century. The archaeologists are publishing their findings in a new book but decided against waiting to announce the discovery.

Honey Dolls

Massage and escort service

Beautiful Latin Girls

Pick-up & Delivery 24/7

Serving Men-Couples- Women
All Genders

Red Light Tour

Bachelor Party Specialized

The best in the Caribbean

Call 565-9535



Actress Sarah Jessica Parker attends AOL's web series "NewFront" at Moynihan Station on Tuesday April 30, 2013 in New York. Associated Press

Paltrow, Parker Launch Web series for AOL

NEW YORK (AP) — AOL is making its most substantial dip into original video programming with new series from Sarah Jessica Parker, Gwyneth Paltrow, Hank Azaria and Nicole Richie. The Internet company unveiled 15 new digital series Tuesday in a presentation to advertisers in New York. AOL is making a push into original programming in the wake of similar efforts by YouTube, Yahoo and Amazon. Parker will produce a docudrama on the New York City Ballet. Paltrow and Tracy Anderson will host the Ryan Seacrest-produced series "Second Chances," in which they interview women who've overcome hardship. Azaria hosts a parenting series called "Fatherhood." Richie will star in a show based on her Twitter feed. AOL is also partnering with Tribeca Enterprises for the series "Acting Disruptive," which follows Hollywood professionals launching tech startups. □

Keith Richards: I don't own an iPod

MESFIN FEKADU
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — He's rock royalty and likes to keep it old-school: Keith Richards says he doesn't own an iPod. The Rolling Stones guitarist says he isn't a fan of the ultra-popular music device. "I don't have an iPod. ... I still use CDs or records actually. Sometimes cassettes. It has much better sound; a much better sound than digital," he said in a recent interview. The 69-year-old believes music lovers are "all being shortchanged" with the sound that comes out of an iPod, launched in 2001. "My old lady's got one. My

kids have got them. I say, 'Look me up this.' Or, 'Oh I like that. Check me that,'" he said. "I know what these things can do. I'm not totally anti-them." The Rolling Stones' "50 & Counting Tour" kicks off Friday in Los Angeles. The Stones released their self-titled debut in 1964, and while Richards has accepted that the music industry is digitally driven today, he's not completely OK with it. "They're sucked into it and they can't get out of it, nor can we; so is the public," he said. "There's something missing there, but it's the price of the future I guess." □



This April 13, 2013 file photo shows Keith Richards performing at Eric Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival 2013 at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Ed Helms' 'Tiny Commando' series coming to Yahoo



This March 12, 2012 file photo shows Ed Helms at the premiere of "Jeff, Who Lives at Home" in New York. Associated Press.

JAKE COYLE

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Yahoo's latest slate of original programming is led by Ed Helms as a 4-inch (10-centimeter)-tall crime fighter. "Tiny Commando," cre-

ated by the "The Office" star, was unveiled Monday night in a presentation by Yahoo to advertisers in New York. It stars Helms, along with Zachary Levi, of "Chuck," and Gillian Jacobs, of "Community." Following in Netflix's foot-

steps, Yahoo will simultaneously release all episodes of "Tiny Commando" and other comedy series this fall. Yahoo also will debut a series titled "Losing Your Virginity With John Stamos," in which the former "Full House" actor interviews celebrities about their first sexual experiences. Documentary filmmaker Morgan Spurlock executive produces. Along with YouTube, Netflix and Hulu, Yahoo has sought in recent years to expand into original programming — mainly short-form Web series — that draws users to its platform. Erin McPherson, Yahoo vice president and head of video, said the company has more than doubled its original video programming in the last year. Yahoo's presentation Monday was part of this week's Digital Content NewFronts, at which digital media

companies lay out their programming plans much like TV broadcasters do every spring. Last year, Yahoo touted its most high-profile series: Tom Hanks' sci-fi, animated "Electric City." While "Electric City" was widely judged a dud, Yahoo has found a modest hit in "Burning Love," a parody of "The Bachelor" now beginning its third season. Also part of this year's slate is Cheryl Hines, a star of "Curb Your Enthusiasm." Hines and Rachael Harris will star in "We Need Help," a comedy in which the two actresses exploit a shared personal assistant. Yahoo announced that beginning this summer it's partnering with the WWE to make the Web portal an online hub for professional wrestling videos. Yahoo will produce a 30-minute pre-show to the WWE's "Monday Night Raw" and distribute two weekly wrestling series. □

Chris Kelly, of rap duo Kriss Kross, dies

ATLANTA (AP) — Authorities in Georgia say Chris Kelly, a member of the 90s rap duo Kriss Kross, has died in Atlanta. Investigator Betty Honey of the Fulton County Medi-

cal Examiner's office said the 34-year-old Kelley was pronounced dead around 5 p.m. local time Wednesday at the Atlanta Medical Center. Honey said authorities are

unsure of Kelly's cause of death and that an autopsy has yet to be performed. Kelly, known as "Mac Daddy" performed alongside Chris Smith, known as "Daddy

Mac," in the early and mid-90s. The duo might be best remembered for the song "Jump" from their 1992 debut album, "Totally Krossed Out." □



In this Friday, April 26, 2013 photo, actor Alan Alda speaks during an interview at Stony Brook University, on New York's Long Island. Associated Press

Alan Alda wants scientists to cut out the jargon

FRANK ELTMAN
Associated Press

STONY BROOK, New York

(AP) — Among the procedures U.S. Army surgeon Hawkeye Pierce performed on the long-running television show "M.A.S.H." was an end-to-end anastomosis.

Actor Alan Alda concedes that most of the viewers had no idea he was talking about removing a damaged piece of intestine and reconnecting the healthy pieces.

Today, the award-winning film and television star is on a mission to teach physicians, physicists and scientists to get their points across in clear, simple language.

The former host of the long-running PBS series "Scientific American Frontiers" is a founder and visiting professor of journalism at the Stony Brook University Center for Communicating Science, which has just been named in his honor.

"There's no reason for the jargon when you're trying to communicate the essence of the science to the public, because you're talking what amounts to gibberish to them," Alda said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

A better understanding of science, Alda said, can benefit society in ways great and small. Physicians can more clearly explain treatments to patients.

Consumers can decipher what chemicals may be in their food. Lawmakers can make better decisions on funding scientific research. "They're not going to ask the right questions if science doesn't explain to them what's going on in the most honest and objective way," said Alda, 77. "You can't blame them for not knowing the jargon — it's not their job."

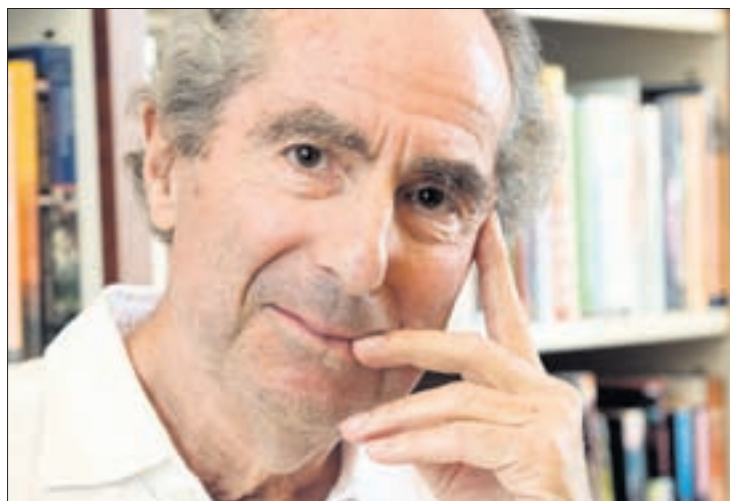
Alda, who lives in New York City, said that as his tenure as host of "Scientific American Frontiers" was ending in 2005, he began seeking out a university interested in his idea for a center for communicating science. Stony Brook, a 24,000-student state university about 70 miles (110 kilometers) east of Manhattan, "was the only place that understood what I was trying to say and thought it was possible," he said.

The center launched in 2009. At a gala last week, the Long Island school officially renamed it the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science.

"Alan did not casually lend his celebrity to this effort," said Stony Brook President Dr. Samuel Stanley.

"He has been a tireless and full partner in the center since its inception. ... He has helped train our faculty and develop our curriculum, and he personally teaches some workshops." □

Philip Roth receives 'Literary Service' award



In this Sept. 8, 2008 file photo, author Philip Roth poses for a photo in the offices of his publisher Houghton Mifflin, in New York. Associated Press

HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Philip Roth's latest honor was as much for what he has done for other writers as for his own work.

Roth received the PEN/Allen Foundation Literary Service Award Tuesday night. He was cited for such novels as "Portnoy's Complaint" and "American Pastoral," but also for his advocacy in the 1970s and 1980s for writers in Czechoslovakia and other Eastern bloc countries during the Cold War. PEN, in the midst of a weeklong "World Voices Festival," is an international writers'

organization that defends human rights.

The ceremony included readings from two Roth books, "Everyman" and "American Pastoral," and brief films of and about Roth. The author laughed along as he watched himself on screen joking about the daring humor of James Joyce, and was clearly moved by a clip of Czech writer Ivan Klima thanking him.

Roth's support for Klima, Milan Kundera and other Eastern European writers was personal and literary. He traveled to Prague every spring from 1972-1977, arranged to have such

peers as Arthur Miller and William Styron send money to persecuted authors and oversaw the U.S. publication of novels by Klima, Kundera and others.

Roth, 80, has announced his retirement from writing books, but not from the written word or prepared text. He spoke briefly, and forcefully, before the hundreds gathered for the PEN Literary Gala at the Museum of Natural History, with attendees including Martin Amis, Salman Rushdie and Jeffrey Eugenides.

During his speech, Roth recalled the "thoroughgoing education" his friends in Eastern Europe had given him about life under a totalitarian government. He spoke of some of the best minds of Czechoslovakia being forbidden to write, travel or even drive, and forced to work at "menial jobs" such as selling cigarettes and washing windows. "Every day brings a new heartache, a new tremor, more helplessness, and yet another reduction of freedom and free thought in a censored society already bound and gagged, the usual rites of degradation." □

Grisham sequel to 'A Time to Kill' to be published

NEW YORK (AP) — The defense attorney in John Grisham's first novel, "A Time to Kill," is returning to the courtroom. Grisham's new book, "Sycamore Row," will be published Oct. 22, the Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group announced Wednesday. Like "A Time to Kill," it will feature Jake Brigance as a lawyer in a small Mississippi town. Knopf Doubleday promises a trademark Grisham tale of "intrigue, suspense and plot twists."

"A Time to Kill" was published in 1989 and sold modestly. But after "The Firm" and other thrillers made Grisham a brand name, his first book was reissued and became a best-seller. "A



This May 22, 2011 file photo shows author John Grisham speaks during the opening of the premier of the stage adaptation of "A Time To Kill" at Arena Stage theater in Washington. Associated Press

Time to Kill," in which Brigance successfully defends a man accused of murder,

was later been adapted into both a movie and a stage production. □

Silver Fox's Pink Slip



MAUREEN DOWD

© 2013 New York Times

WASHINGTON – Barbara Bush is a word that rhymes with fright. She's right.

Asked on the "Today" show whether she thought her son Jeb should run for president in 2016, as W. has urged, the famously candid and caustic Silver Fox offered the most honest assessment of her oldest son's legacy. Aside from the cascading disasters that the country is still struggling to recover from, a key W. legacy is derailing the path of the son Poppy and Barbara Bush dearly wanted to be president: Jeb.

For the first time, the 87-year-old former first lady acknowledged, in essence, that W. had worn out the family's welcome in the White House. "He's by far the best qualified man, but no, I really don't," she said when asked if her second son should aim to be the third Bush in chief. "I think it's a great country. There are a lot of great families, and it's not just four families or whatever. There are other people out there that are very qualified and we've had enough Bushes."

Jenna Bush Hager, a "Today" show correspondent who was a participant in the Thursday interview with her grandmother, mother and sister, blurted "Surprise!" and threw up her arms. CNN emailed Jeb to find out what he thought of his mother's "priceless" comment and Jeb emailed back: "Priceless indeed!"

But Bar, who was also giving the back of the hand to the Clintons, spit out the truth. It is wearying that America, a country that broke away from aristocratic England in a burst of rugged individualism, has spawned so many of its own royal political families, dynasties that feel entitled to inhabit the White House, generation after generation, letting their family competitions and tensions shape policy and history to an alarming degree.

Why does a George P., Chelsea, Beau Biden, Joe Kennedy III presidential sweepstakes feel so inevitable?

There were plenty of other, less perspicacious assessments of the Bush legacy on the occasion of W.'s presidential library opening in Dallas. Josh Bolten, Bush's chief of staff in the second term, defended 43's economic record – two off-the-books, badly managed wars and more of the deregulation that led to toxic derivatives, government bail-outs and a near collapse of the whole economy – saying it "really wasn't so bad."

Former Bush staffers and some on the right defended 43 in the usual debates: Was he the Decider or the Dupe? Was he smart or simplistic? The latter question is really beside the point in Washington, the capital of smart people doing dumb things.

W.'s presidency will go down in infamy because he ignored Katrina and the Constitution and cherry-picked intelligence with Tony Blair to build up a faux case for invading Iraq. That is why the three Democratic presidents who talked at his library's dedication had to cherry-pick their topics, focusing mostly on W.'s good work on AIDS in Africa. Though he presents himself as the Batman of anti-terrorism, W. ignored the warning that Osama was going to strike and didn't catch him dead or alive. He failed to fix the egregious problems of agencies coordinating watch lists and dropping the ball on information about terrorist suspects, which flared again in the Boston bombings.

W. and other Bush officials continue to say they could not possibly have known that Saddam had no WMD. But I'm now told that Saddam sent word through the Saudis to the Bushies over and over that he had no WMD and was only blustering to keep his nemesis in the neighborhood, Iran, at bay.

Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld weren't looking for the truth, and they weren't hitting the pause button the way President Obama is with Syria right now, sensitive to the quicksand nature of the region. They simply wanted to blast some Arabs and Saddam was a weak target, just as W. was a weak president, easily led wherever Cheney and his co-conspirator Rummy, along with their bellicose band of neocons, wanted to take him.

Obama and others praised 43 last week as "comfortable in his own skin." That's absurd. People who are comfortable in their own skin don't shape their lives and actions so self-consciously, and often self-destructively, on another. W. veered between aping his father and doing the opposite of his father.

Pressed by Charlie Rose on "CBS This Morning," W. reiterated the unfathomable fact that he went to war with the same dictator that his father did, without ever seeking his dad's counsel. "He knows," W. said of his father, "that each presidential decision requires advice from people who have studied an issue." That's quite a rationalization. Who, after all, has studied the issue more closely than another president who decided against invading Baghdad?

Sadly, no one in W.'s inner circle studied the issue. As Colin Powell has noted, there was no proper debate or meeting of the National Security Council before the invasion. W. went to war on body language, manipulated by the war-mongering gargoyles who would also bring us torture, domestic spying and secret prisons. □



Judgment Not Included



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

© 2013 New York Times

As police investigators peel away the layers of the Boston Marathon bombing, there are two aspects of this unfolding story to which I want to react: the mindset of the alleged bombers and the role of the Internet in shaping it. Important news about both was contained in a single Washington Post article Tuesday. "The 19-year-old suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings has told interrogators that the American wars in Iraq and Afghanistan motivated him and his brother to carry out the attack, according to U.S. officials familiar with the interviews," The Post reported. The officials said, "Dzhokhar and his older brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev ... do not appear to have been directed by a foreign terrorist organization. Rather, the officials said, the evidence so far suggests they were 'self-radicalized' through Internet sites and U.S. actions in the Muslim world. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has specifically cited the U.S. war in Iraq, which ended in December 2011 with the removal of the last American forces, and the war in Afghanistan."

This is a popular meme among radical Muslim groups, and, to be sure, some Muslim youths were deeply angered by the U.S. interventions in the Middle East. The brothers Tsarnaev may have been among them. But what in God's name does that have to

do with planting a bomb at the Boston Marathon and blowing up innocent people? It is amazing to me how we've come to accept this non sequitur and how easily we've allowed radical Muslim groups and their apologists to get away with it.

A simple question: If you were upset with U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, why didn't you go out and build a school in Afghanistan to strengthen that community or get an advanced degree to strengthen yourself or become a math teacher in the Muslim world to help its people be less vulnerable to foreign powers? Dzhokhar claims the Tsarnaev brothers were so upset by something America did in a third country that they just had to go to Boylston Street and blow up people who had nothing to do with it (some of whom could have been Muslims), and too often we just nod our heads rather than asking: What kind of sick madness is this?

It's a double non sequitur when it comes from Muslim youths who lived and studied in America, where, if you're upset about something, you have many ways to express your opposition and have an impact – from organizing demonstrations to publishing articles to running for office. In fact, an American guy named Barack, whose grandfather was a Muslim, did just that. And he's now president of the U.S., a job he's used to unwind the wars in Iraq and in Afghanistan.

Moreover, some 70,000 people, most of them Muslims, have been killed by other Muslims in the Syrian civil war, which the U.S. had nothing to do with – although many Muslims are now begging us to intervene to stop it. And every week innocent Muslims are blown up by Muslim suicide bombers in Pakistan and Iraq – every week. Thousands of them have been maimed and killed in attacks so nihilistic that the bombers don't even bother

to give their names or make demands. Yet this does not appear to have moved the brothers Tsarnaev one iota.

Why is that? We surely must not tar all of Islam in this. Having lived in the Muslim world, I know how unfair that would be.

But we must ask a question only Muslims can answer: What is going on in your community that a critical number of your youth believes that every U.S. military action in the Middle East is intolerable and justifies a violent response, and everything Muslim extremists do to other Muslims is ignorable and calls for mostly silence?

As for the role that websites apparently played in the "self-radicalization" of the two Chechen brothers, it is yet another reminder that the Internet is a digital river that carries incredible sources of wisdom and hate along the same current. It's all there together. And our kids and citizens usually interact with this flow nakedly, with no supervision.

So more people are more directly exposed to more raw information and opinion every day from everywhere.

As such, it is more important than ever that we build the internal software, the internal filters, into every citizen to sift out fact from fiction in this electronic torrent, which offers so much information that has never been touched by an editor, a censor or a libel lawyer. That's why, when the Internet first emerged and you had to connect via a modem, I used to urge that modems sold in America come with a warning label from the surgeon general, like cigarettes. It would read: "Attention: Judgment not included." And that's why the faster, more accessible and ultramodern the Internet becomes, the more all the old-fashioned stuff matters: good judgment, respect for others who are different and basic values of right and wrong. □



Kevin Pogue, a geology professor, at Cayuse Vineyards in Walla Walla, Wash. Pogue has become a spokesman for the potential of Washington State terroirs and the wines they produce.
(Greg Lehman/The New York Times)

ERIC ASIMOV

© 2013 New York Times

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — Nobody would call Kevin Pogue a rock star, but in the smallish world of the Washington wine industry, few would dispute that he is Dr. Rock.

Pogue, a geology professor at Whitman College, a small liberal arts school with a bucolic campus here, has made a specialty of the study of terroir, that French term that has come to stand for many of the important components that make wines distinctive. Along with climate, altitude, exposition and the human factor, soil, drainage and terrain are terroir's chief components, which is where Pogue comes in.

Aside from teaching a seminar on terroir every year, in which he introduces his students to the intricacies of the subject, complete with

wine tastings, Pogue has become a spokesman for the potential of Washington terroirs and the wines they produce.

He has even turned his expertise into an opportunity. He has developed a thriving side business as a terroir finder, assessing pieces of land and divining promising vineyards for would-be grape growers and winemakers.

He has put more than 115,000 miles on his 2009 Nissan Xterra, traveling the back roads of wine country with a pick, shovel and other tools of the trade, looking for unusual geological and climatological combinations. With the help of his students, he has planted a network of temperature monitors on hillsides and in meadows, upslope and down, looking for pockets of land that may hold the potential to

produce great wine.

His clients have included anybody from established winemakers to serious wine-loving investors to "just a bunch of lawyers from Seattle," a phrase heard not infrequently around Walla Walla, a charming town in southeastern Washington that has not yet been engulfed by boutiques and other indications that winemaking has shifted from agriculture to "lifestyle."

"If people are going to spend a small fortune on a piece of land, they need to talk to Kevin Pogue," said Christophe Baron, proprietor of Cayuse Vineyards, who makes beautifully complex wines. "There's no better man who knows about terroir in the Northwest."

The importance of the work of Pogue, building on the work of pioneering academics like Alan

In search of terroir, ear to the ground

Busacca and Larry Meiner, signals the increasing maturity and seriousness of the Washington wine industry. Since it took off in the 1970s, many vineyards have been planted in the fertile silty loams alongside other important crops like wheat, apples and hops.

At their best, wines made from these grapes, often cabernet sauvignon and merlot, offered superb fruit flavors and lush, silky textures. But they were limited by the simplicity of the terroirs, which were often chosen for convenience or economics rather than with an eye to complexity. Now, in appellations like Walla Walla Valley, Red Mountain, Columbia Gorge and others, many growers are looking beyond valley floors to explore hillsides, some of which are insanely steep and rocky, hoping to make wines with more complexity and a greater sense of place.

Such projects are just the leading edge of the Washington wine business, accounting for only a minute fraction of the state's production, which is dominated by behemoths like Chateau Ste. Michelle Wine Estates and Hogue Cellars. They make good, sound wines, but the excitement for wine lovers is with smaller producers who are striving for something more distinctive, like Cayuse, Buty, Maison Bleue, Kerloo Cellars or Analemma in the Columbia Gorge. With Pogue's work, the hope is that more and more producers will seek out the sort of cool-climate, steep-slope vineyards with the

potential to make distinctive wines.

Pogue didn't start out to study terroir. His original fieldwork involved studying the geological composition of the Himalayan foothills near the Peshawar Basin in Pakistan. But research in the area became too dangerous after the 9/11 attacks, so he shifted his academic focus closer to home. It helped that he had become a wine lover as well.

"What it boiled down to, I like to drink wines that don't taste like every other wine, that have some unique character to them," Pogue said. "I think it's more exciting when that character comes from the ground and not the person who made it."

He is particularly excited by the unique geological character of Washington, which stems from a series of huge floods that engulfed the region at the end of the last ice age. These floods deposited a wealth of gravel, silt and granite boulders while eroding the volcanic basalt that forms the bedrock.

That, along with the long growing season, the intensity of the light and the fact that Washington is one of the few grape-growing areas on earth that has not yet been affected by phylloxera, an aphid that destroys vines, gives the state vast potential for its wines, Pogue believes.

"Everybody can talk, but not everybody has something to say," he said. "I think we're going to find a lot more places that have something interesting to say." □



Cayuse Vineyards in Walla Walla, Wash.

(Greg Lehman/The New York Times)